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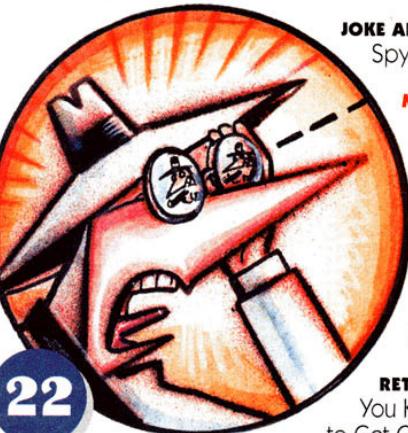
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THE KICK SENSE

I have been a fan of your magazine for almost three years now, and I know of the "Usual Gang of Idiots" infinite wisdom. Therefore, I humbly ask for your advice. I am thirteen and I'm in eighth grade. Most of my friends signed up for sports. I did not sign up for anything (I'm not the athletic type of guy). Near the end of the day, my English teacher (who is also the soccer coach) approached me and said "Hey Benny Boy! How come I don't see your name on the sign-up sheet? We could really use you on the team!" And with that, he signed my name up for soccer. I'm not meant for soccer! I'm meant for playing videogames! Please tell me what to do about this fiasco. Oh, and give a shout to John Caldwell. He writes some real funny crap!

Ben Randolph, Dayton, OH

Ben It Like Beckham — Well, your coach certainly has a point and seems to have your best interest in mind. Playing on the soccer team teaches coordination, cooperation and sportsmanship. On the other hand, it would also teach sweatiness, breathlessness and cramping — which, as you've stated, is just not up your alley. Fortunately, we've come up with a solution that is bound to make everyone happy. A little something called *FIFA '06 Soccer* for the PlayStation, Xbox and GameCube! Failing that, just play your portable until your coach benches you and you no longer have to play! —Ed.

This summer I was in Los Angeles and I went to a taping of *According to Jim*. After the show my dad took a photograph of Jim Belushi and me, with Jim holding a MAD. He's a pretty funny guy, maybe that's why he didn't mind posing. Don't ask why he was wearing a bathrobe.

Michael Bloom, Iowa City, IA

Bloomer — You've struck gold! Inadvertently, you have given us an idea for an exciting new Letters Page feature — MAD Celebrity Shower Snaps! Simply get a picture of your favorite star fresh out of the shower (sorry no bath shots allowed) and you'll get a three-year MAD subscription, a signed loofah from the MAD staff and possibly a restraining order from said celebrity! Sadly, even as you read this, our crack legal department has advised us that this feature is completely illegal — so congratulations to you Bloomer, our first and last winner! —Ed.

THE ANSWER MAD

Although it hasn't run in a while, we are elated to announce the return of a much-beloved Letters Page feature — "The Answer MAD." For those of you unfamiliar with the concept, we answer actual letters that have appeared in other magazines' letters section. This month's chestnut is from the January 16th edition of *People* regarding a story about Brad Pitt adopting Angelina Jolie's children.



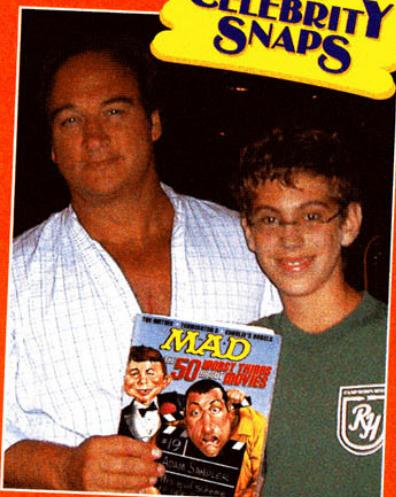
This news has kept me smiling. I hope the skeptics out there will remain silent and allow this new family to thrive.

A.N., San Francisco, CA

A.N. — We are so glad that this story gave you so much joy. Here are some other things that "keep you smiling," we suspect: Re-runs of *Joan of Arcadia*, those precious Anne Geddes photographs, the little red pills prescribed by your doctor and, of course, anything shiny. We hope just reading this list will tide you over until some other celebrity that you will never meet does something that doesn't matter and has no effect on your life whatsoever!



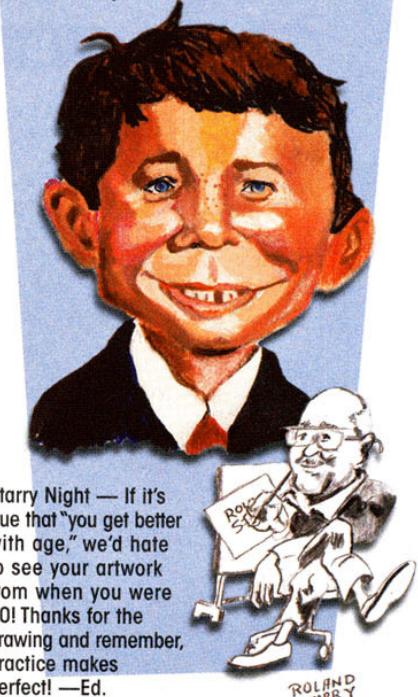
MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS



The Big Easel

This is my rendition of what's his face. I'm probably the oldest fan of MAD. I am a cartoonist going way back. You see I am 82 years young and enjoy the great cartoonists you have working for you.

Roland Starry, Delano, MN



Starry Night — If it's true that "you get better with age," we'd hate to see your artwork from when you were 60! Thanks for the drawing and remember, practice makes perfect! —Ed.

ROLAND'S ALFRED PORTRAIT (ABOVE) AND HIS EQUALLY-MORONIC SELF-PORTRAIT

ELECTILE DYSFUNCTION

In an article in the *New York Daily News* following the 2005 Mayoral election, the paper pointed out some of the names that voters wrote-in as their own choice for Mayor. Among the names were Daffy Duck, Jesus Christ and MAD's own Alfred E. Neuman. We haven't heard the results yet, but we just hope Alfred's name doesn't end up on the recent Iraqi Presidential ballot — they have enough problems over there!

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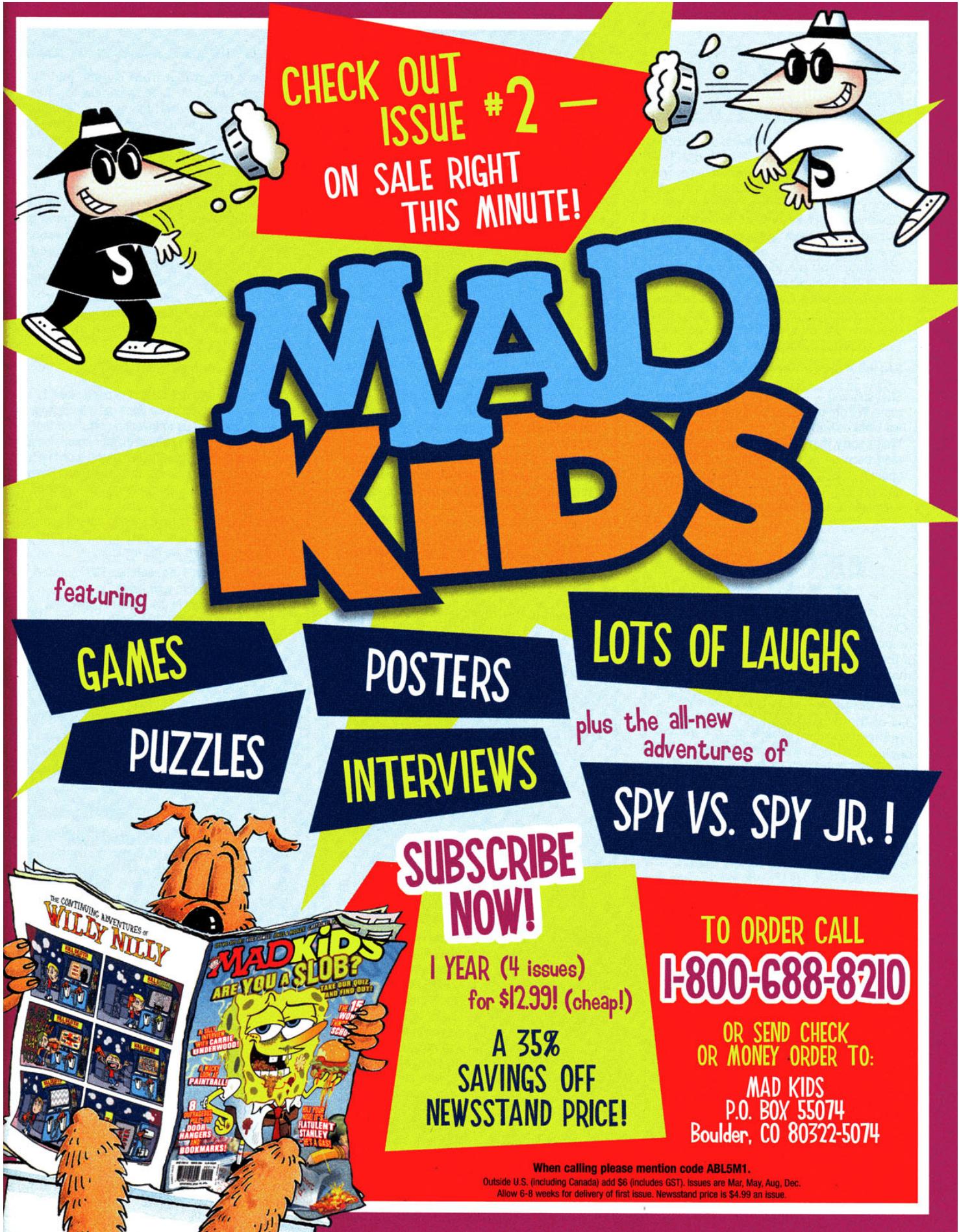
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I bought my first MAD (issue #460) and I was astounded. The things that you publish in the magazine are age inappropriate for an adult. I am not happy at all. I was disgusted at the "Everyday Pet-Peeves of Second Rate Superheroes" and "Extreme Once-Over: Home Repetition." This was very inappropriate. You made the cast bad people, but in the real picture they are wonderful people helping others who need help. I hate your magazine! By the way, this was my first and last MAD magazine — you should be ashamed of yourselves!

Shelby Carico, Norton, VA

Shel-shocked — We couldn't agree with you more. We are disgusted by some of the things we print as well — for example, your letter. We're sorry that was the last issue you will read, because we really wanted you to get this special message (we hope you find it age appropriate) — Get a life and stop your stupid whining! Thanks for writing! —Ed.

ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH: S.V.U. (SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT)

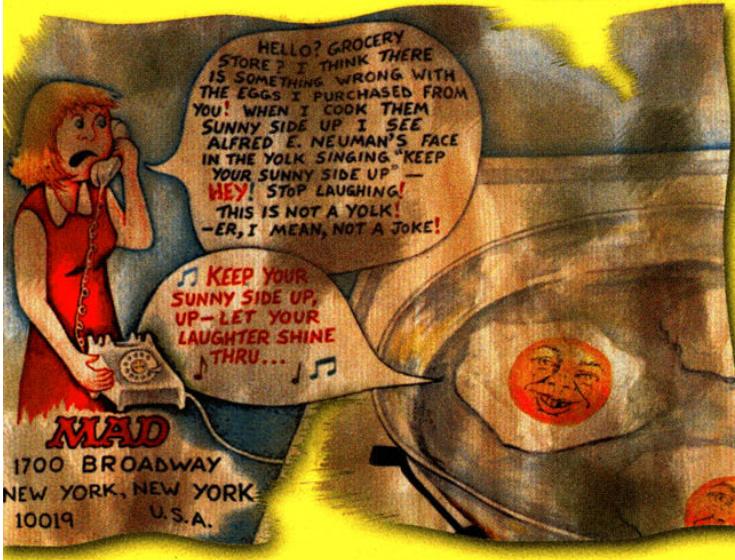
On November 22, 2005, I was walking to the post office to mail my latest "Envelope of the Month" to you. I had the envelope in a plastic bag and I was holding onto the plastic bag as I walked. Unfortunately, it was a cold and windy day. I was about 3/4 of the way to the post office when I realized the bag was empty. I walked back, retracing my steps looking for the envelope. I could not find it. The next day, I walked up and down the street again looking for it. In addition to all this, it had snowed outside. Whether someone found the envelope and kept it, or mailed it to you, or threw it out, or maybe it is outside in the snow, I just don't know what

happened to the envelope. Fortunately, I photographed the envelope before I lost it.

Jim Hutchings, Ontario, Canada



Jimbo — Not since the theft of Munch's "The Scream" has the art world been so rocked! Sadly, there's a thriving black market for stolen MAD Envelopes of the Month artwork. We're sorry, Jim, that you're a victim of this heinous crime and we urge any reader with helpful information to step forward now. To further aid in the search, we have digitally aged the envelope to show what it would look like today. Please help us retrieve this piece of priceless (to Jim) artwork! —Ed.



FLUSH TO CONCLUSIONS

My name is Cory Adams, and I was wondering if you could settle a little dispute me and my friend Tyler have been having. This argument started when Tyler and I were going through some of my older issues of MAD, when we came across a picture of the MAD official toilet paper. Tyler immediately said that it would be a stupid thing to own since the ink would rub off on your butt as soon as it would touch anything wet. I quickly disagreed with him and a week and a half later, we are still arguing about it. I have lost many nights of sleep over this and I was wondering if you could settle this disagreement so we can get back to our everyday lives.

Cory Adams, Address Withheld

Less is Core — After reading your letter, we were just as anxious as you to settle the argument, so we called in resident toilet paper aficionado Charlie Kadau. He commissioned a study using lab rats, which conclusively proved that MAD toilet paper does not stain one's backside, even after several uses. (Unfortunately, the same could not be said for your letter)! We're glad we could help settle your little dispute! —Ed.

Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

I am a 6th grader from Kyrene Middle School. I read MAD Magazine a lot. I even get it delivered to my door every month. I read MAD because it's something to do. I like MAD because that's one of the only things I like to read. I would now like to make a dumb wish for the the **Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™**. Can you invent a calculator that when you point it at something, it counts all of the things up and tells you how much is in the pile. I wanted to do this to prove my math teacher, Mr. Dillon, wrong. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Thank you for letting me request my dumb wish and thank you for keeping up with all the funny things you write.

Charlie Cameron, Tempe, AZ

Cam'ron — You're not the first to ask us for this. Not a day goes by that we don't get a letter from a reader begging us to invent a calculator that counts whatever it is pointed at. Your impassioned letter was the one that finally motivated us to get off our rear ends, grant this dumb wish and invent this important and vital instrument. It took us nearly all morning, but by the time *Live with Regis and Kelly* was over, we had our calculator. And what better thing to test it on, than your own missive? Here are the results:

- Number of words in your letter: 137
- Number of lines in your letter: 18
- Number of fibers in the sheet of paper your letter is written on: 1,354,999.

Sadly, when we tried to calculate the number of dumb things in your letter, the calculator was overloaded and blew up in our hands. Technically, we did grant your dumb wish, and you owe us a new calculator because of the explosion. Oh, and also, long-time MAD writer Arie "Man about town" Kaplan has third degree burns covering 90% of his body. Thanks for writing the **Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™**. —Ed.

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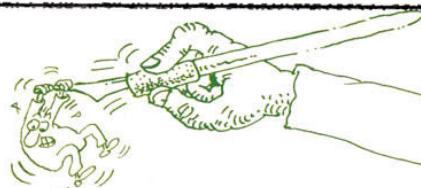
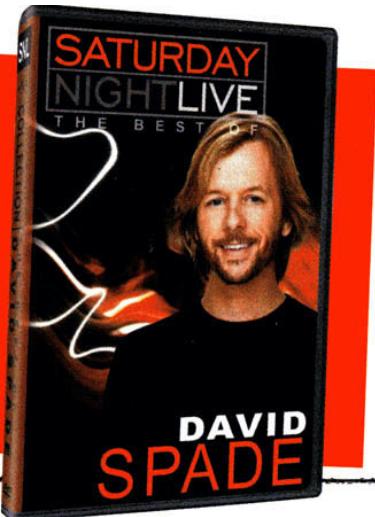
One day, I was at Wal-Mart leafing through the tabloids, I saw the most utterly horrifying thing — two articles by MAD artists! I was shocked and embarrassed to find articles by Sergio Aragones and Peter Bagge. I at first thought that they were going traitor on you, but then I realized they probably needed the extra cash to feed their families.

Stuart Watson, Brownsburg, IN

Stewie — We were not as shocked and embarrassed as you. Plenty of MAD freelancers have side gigs to help make ends meet. For example, John Caldwell spends his afternoons rooting through dumpsters looking for cans to turn in for deposit (and if there's a mouthful of backwash soda or beer in the can, all the better for J.C.)! Then there's Jacob Lambert, who donates plasma (under different aliases) several times a week. And Teresa Burns Parkhurst runs a surprisingly profitable cockfighting league in the Bronx! Given what MAD pays its artists and writers, we're not surprised our freelancers are out hustling for bucks! —Ed.

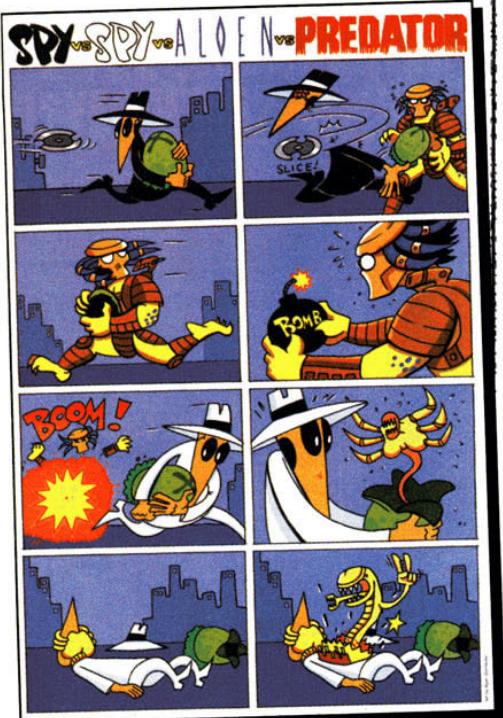
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For all of you fans of *The Showbiz Show* and those Capital One commercials, we have a special treat for you! If we printed your letter on this month's Letters Page, you get a free copy of *Saturday Night Live — The Best of David Spade* on DVD courtesy of Universal Home Video! For all you suckers who didn't get their missives printed — the DVD is on sale now!



LIVE AND LET SPY

Toy Fare magazine, (the guys partially responsible for Cartoon Networks' *Robot Chicken*) ran this Spy Vs. Spy take-off in a recent issue. We look forward to future mash-ups from the magazine including: *Bitterman Begins*, *7 Periods Closer to Neil Gaiman's Death* and *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Fold-In!*



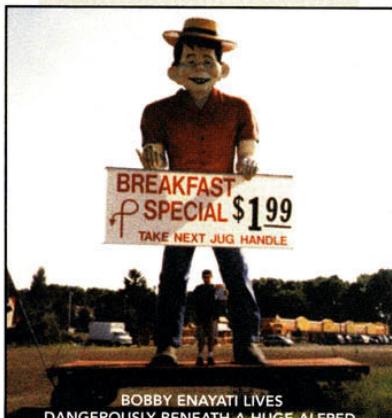
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KING KONG!**

ALFRED SIGHTINGS

Alfred turns up in the weirdest places — and we're counting on eagle-eyed readers to spot them all! We know you don't have much else going on, so get out there, get lookin' and send the photos to: Alfred Sightings, c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. If we print your picture, you'll receive a one-year MAD subscription!

Congratulations to Bobby Enayati of Paramus, NJ on being the first to send in his Alfred sighting.



My family and me were on a recent trip to Six Flags. On the way, what do my eyes see? Who other than Alfred E. Neuman! Luckily, I had brought a few issues for the trip. So what do I do? I forced my mom to make a u-turn and take a picture of me! Unfortunately, I am not ten feet tall and I couldn't give an issue to Alfred!

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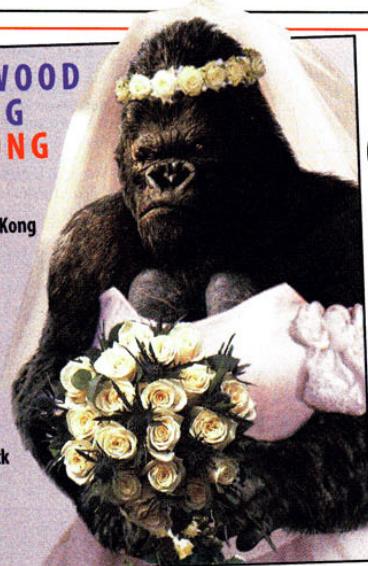
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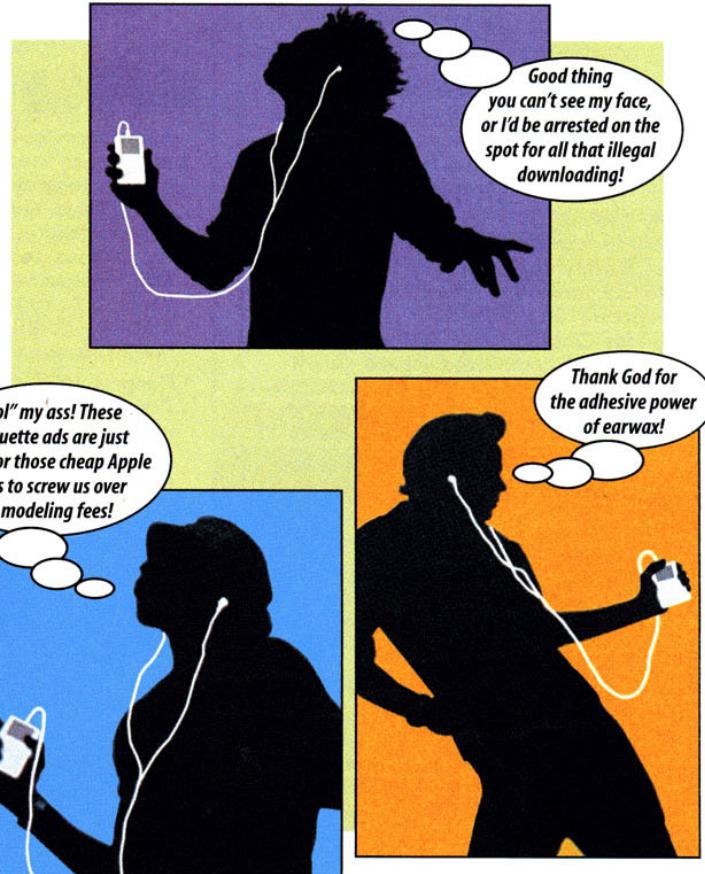
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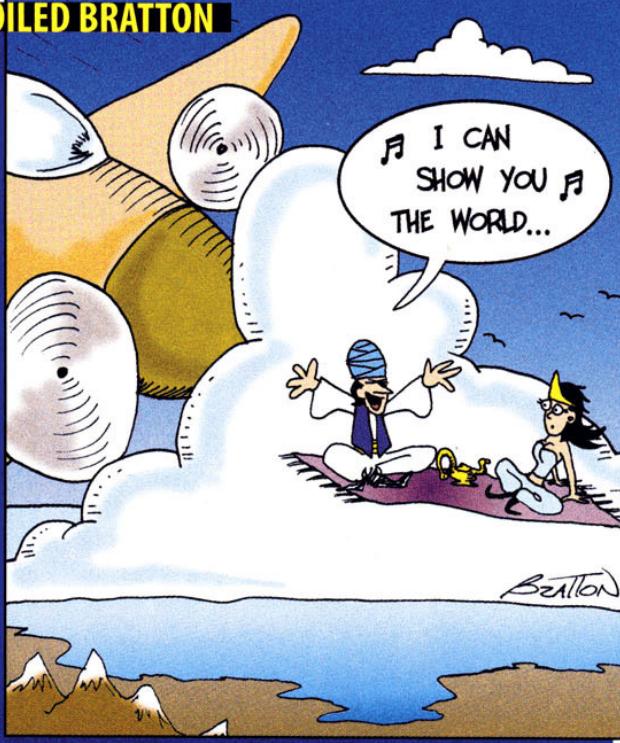


DUCK DROPPINGS



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SPOILED BRATTON



The squeamish cartoon reader may want to look away in about 0.32 seconds.

TABLOID CELEBRITY COMBO NAMES YET TO COME

It all started when tabloid magazines combined Ben Affleck's name with Jennifer Lopez's and came up with "Bennifer."

They followed that up by combining three celebrity names — Brad Pitt, Jennifer Aniston and Angelina Jolie to give us "Brangelina."

Most recently, it's been Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes — "Tomkat"

Because we know that tabloid rags will stop at nothing to attract dumb readers, how long before we see these name combos?



Ashlee Simpson



+ Trey Parker

= "Ashtrey"



Salma Hayek



+ Nelly

= "Salmanellie"



Penn Jillette



+ Gwen Stefani

= "Penngwen"



Carmen Electra



+ Mel Gibson

= "Carmel"



Kevin Smith



+ Lara Flynn Boyle

= "Kevlar"

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THE QUICK QUIZ!

Q: You knock on your friend's door, but he can't see you, so he asks "Who is it?" Do you answer "It's me" or "It is I"?

A: The correct grammar would be "It is I," but you will answer "It's me" because you sometimes sound like a dork when you use correct grammar.

FUN WORD FACT:

The record for most consecutive vowels in a word is seven, in "aaiieee," the sound of someone falling off a building. (It is sometimes spelled "aaieeee.")

HANDY WORD LIST OF THE MONTH: NON-HOMONYMS

Homonyms are words that are pronounced the same but spelled differently, such as "right" and "write," "pair" and "pear" etc. But what about words that are both spelled and pronounced differently? The following list of non-homonyms may be useful to you...

dog and dig
radiator and salad
pelican and stapler
garbage and lilac
car and keyboard
regurgitate and chin
zoologist and alcove

To find thousands more non-homonyms, just browse through your dictionary or visit our website!

THIS MONTH'S TIP:

The word "ain't" is an old word that can mean many things, such as, "are not," "is not," "am not," etc. Because of the fact that it is so convenient, established and easy to spell, you are not allowed to use it.

WORLD LANGUAGE FACT:

The letter "Q" is almost always followed by a "U" in English, but not in Middle East languages, which is as good as any other reasons we've heard for invading the region.

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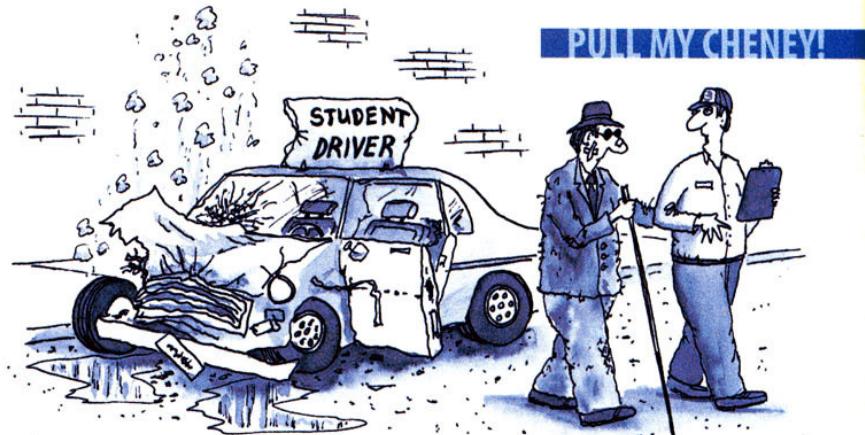
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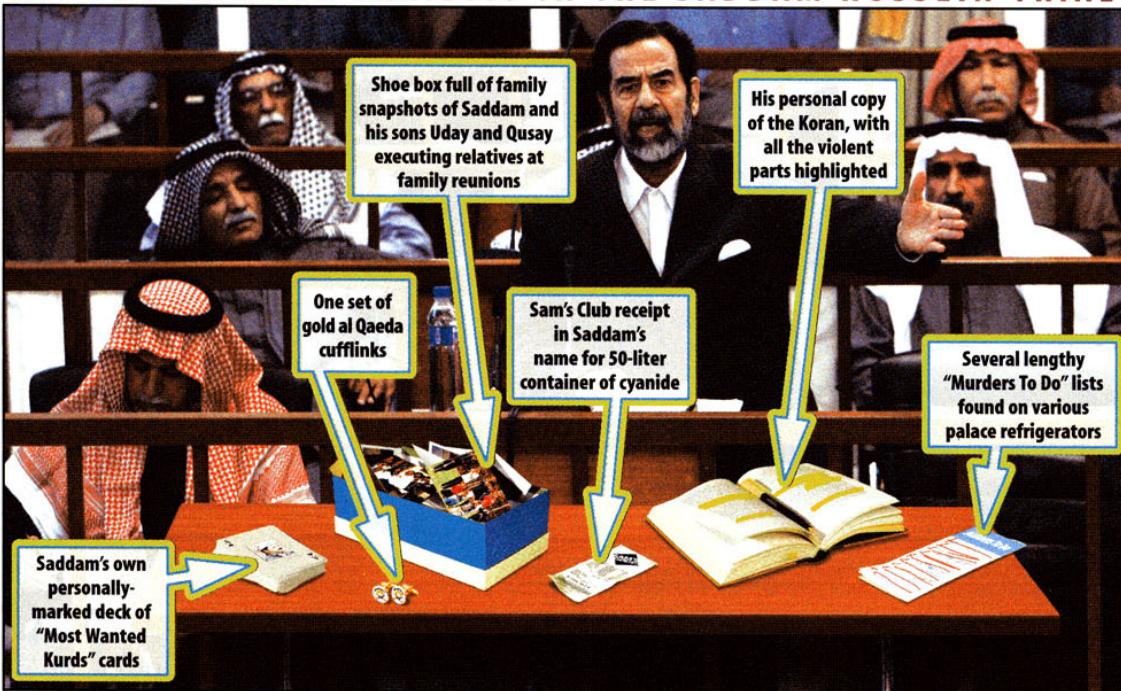


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ROCK OF AGES AGO DEPT.

I'm Chris Rock! First of all, let's get the four-letter words out of the way. F\$%^, mother %^\$&er, c*\$% s*&%\$r! Okay, there! You're not gonna hear that again because this is a nice, sweet show about my growing up in Brooklyn!

I love the past. I love nostalgia. That's why I ripped off the idea for this show from *The Wonder Years*, a nostalgic show from the past — namely the 1990s!

That TV series had voice-over narration and this one has a narrator, too. It's me! I get a chance to talk about the past and also slip in stuff from my act disguised as nostalgia. But mainly, I gripe about how everybody picks on me in...

every ber chi

It was not easy growing up in 1982 in Brooklyn. There were a lot of street toughs in the area. The main one was my Mom!

I'm gonna whup you till a week from next Thursday!

I'm gonna smack you 12 ways till Arbor Day!

Okay, Mom. I'll do my homework!

And the penmanship better be neat or I'm gonna whack you so hard your body will be here but your face will be rolling around the Bronx!

My Mom was tougher than locating the UPN network on your satellite dish!

Every day, Chris is bussed to school in the white part of town!

His parents want him to have better educational opportunities?

His Producers want him to have better comedic opportunities! They figure there are more sitcom possibilities with tough Italian and Irish white kids!

I'm Grog Marinara! I'm Chris' best friend at Capone Junior High! Actually, I'm his ONLY friend at Capone JHS! I'm thrilled Chris was bussed here!

Because you're a fan of racial diversity? Because, until Chris transferred here, I was the nerd they were beating up every day!

body ates ris

This is my old neighborhood. Immediately one thing becomes clear. Nobody here looks like Harry Potter or Ryan Seacrest or Brad Pitt or Paris Hilton. The only thing white here is the stale Wonder Bread in my refrigerator! There you have it, only 10 seconds into the show and I've already managed to work in five pop culture references! Damn, I'm good!

It was called Bedford Stuyvesant. It wasn't exactly Mayberry R.F.D. The year was 1982. Reagan was President. The J. Geils Band was hot and *E.T.* was the big movie that year!

That bike scene in *E.T.* could never have happened in Bed Stuy. Those bikes would have been jacked in 15 seconds!

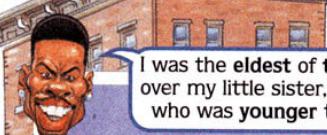
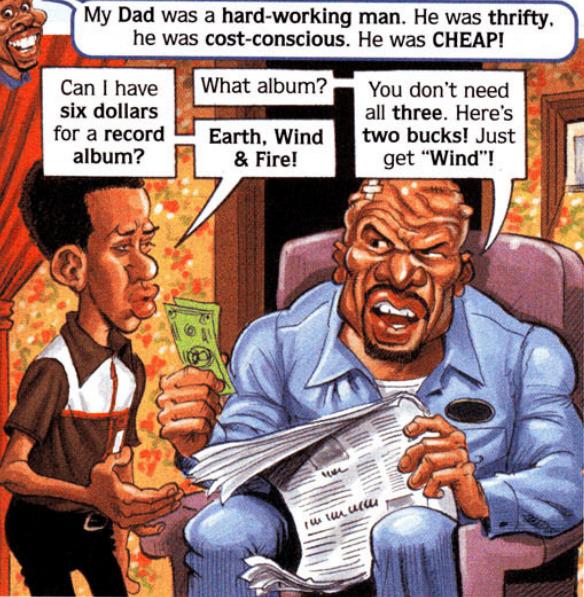


My Dad was a hard-working man. He was thrifty, he was cost-conscious. He was CHEAP!

Can I have six dollars for a record album?

What album?

You don't need all three. Here's two bucks! Just get "Wind"!

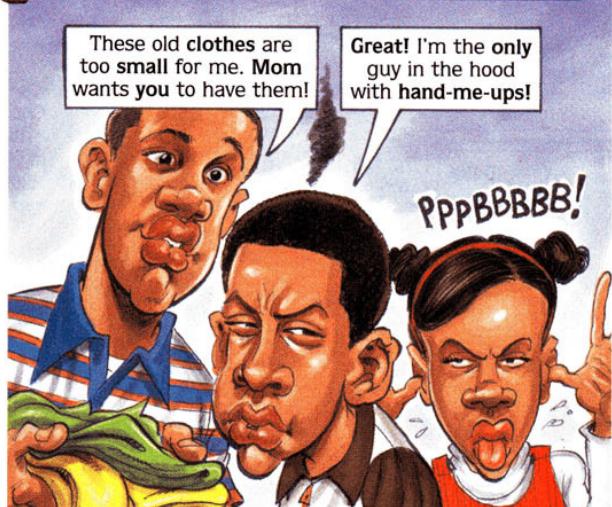


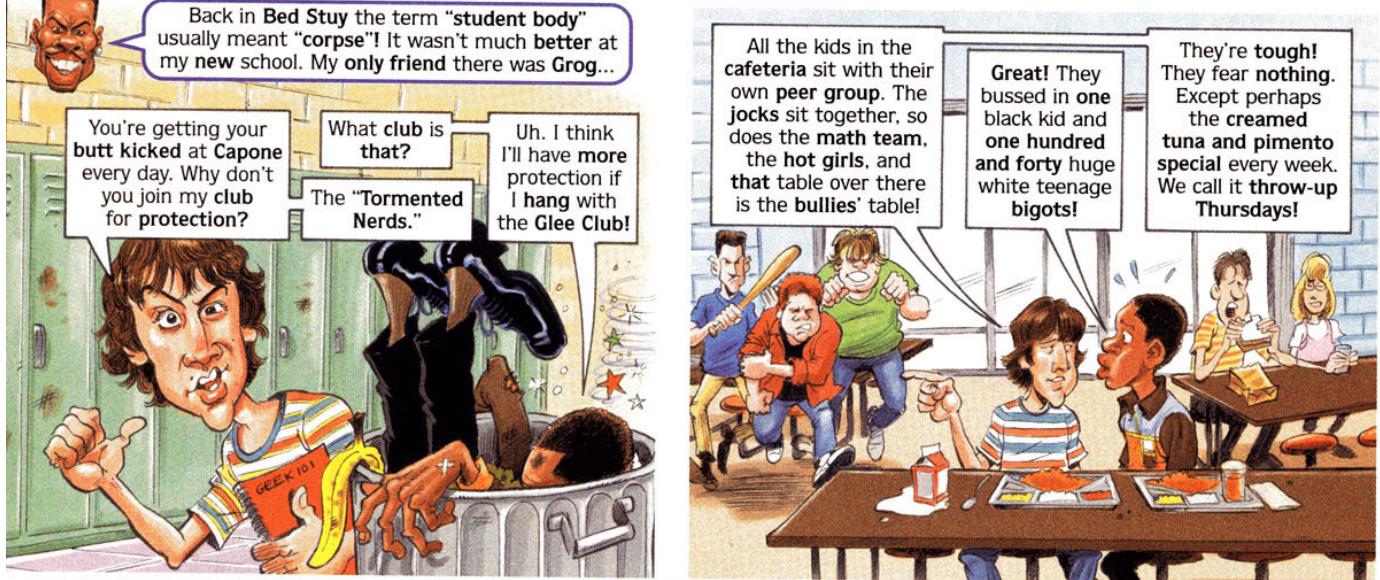
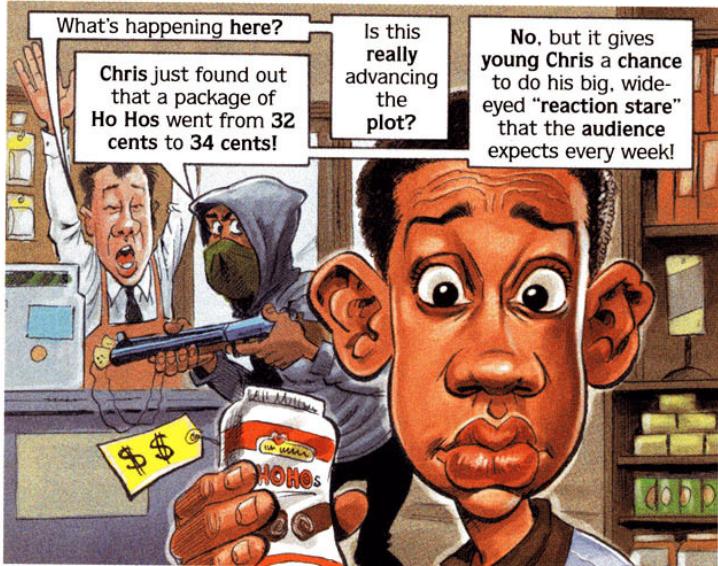
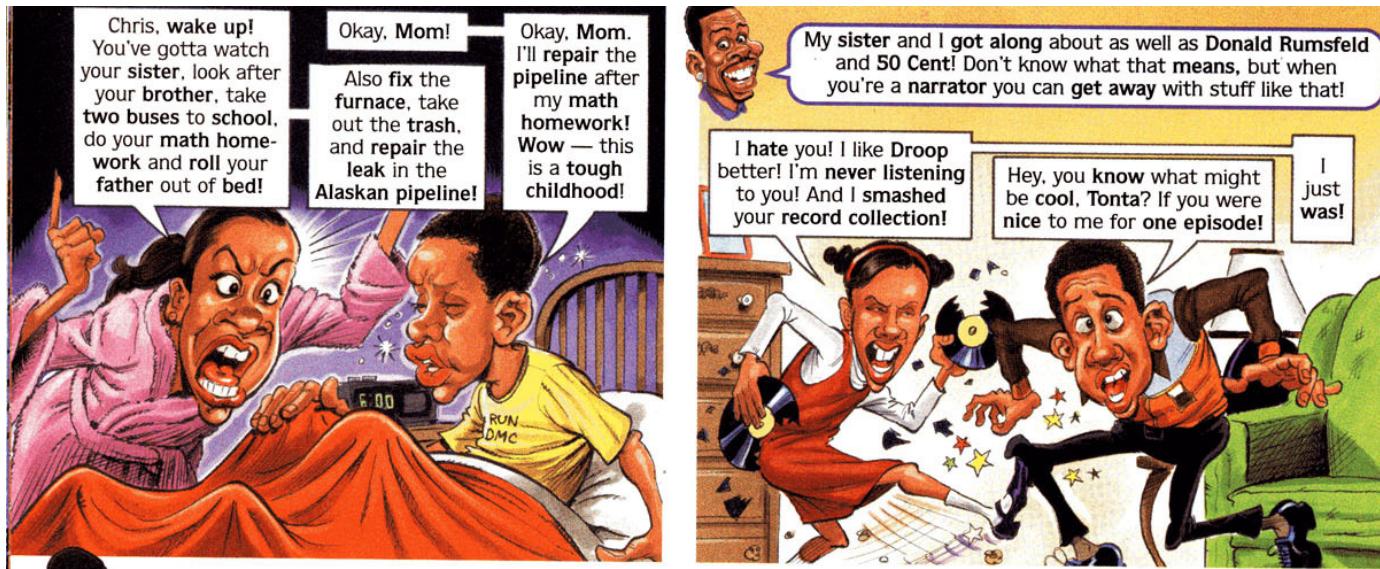
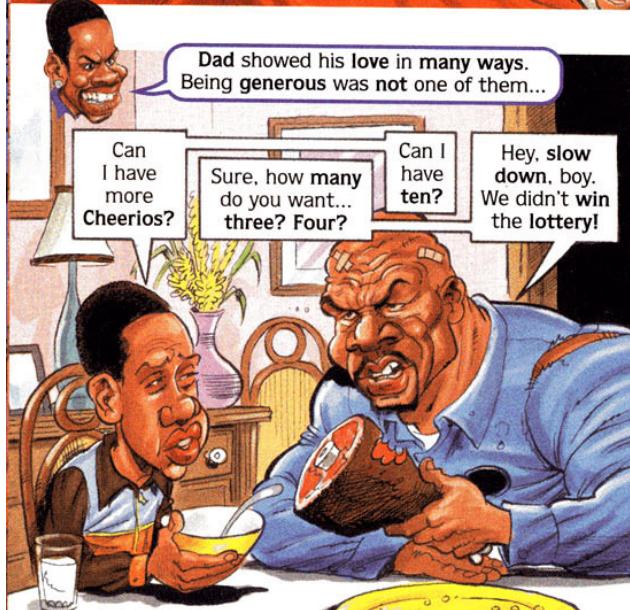
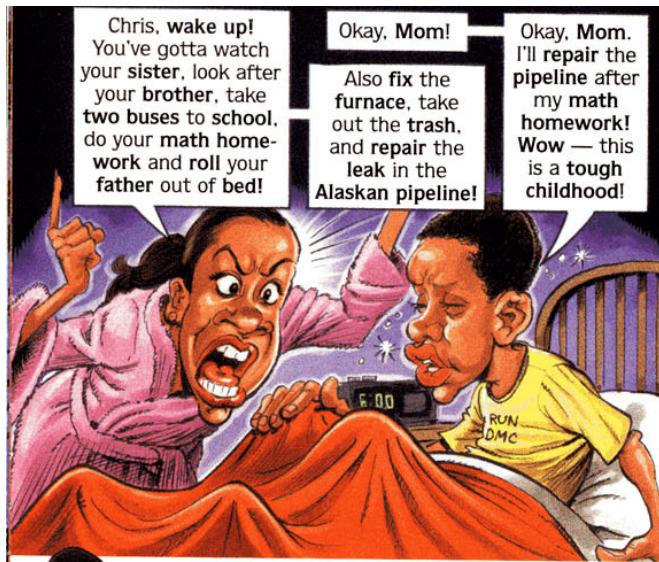
I was the eldest of three kids. My job was to watch over my little sister, Tonta, and my brother, Droop, who was younger than me but taller and cooler.

These old clothes are too small for me. Mom wants you to have them!

Great! I'm the only guy in the hood with hand-me-ups!

PPPBBBBB!



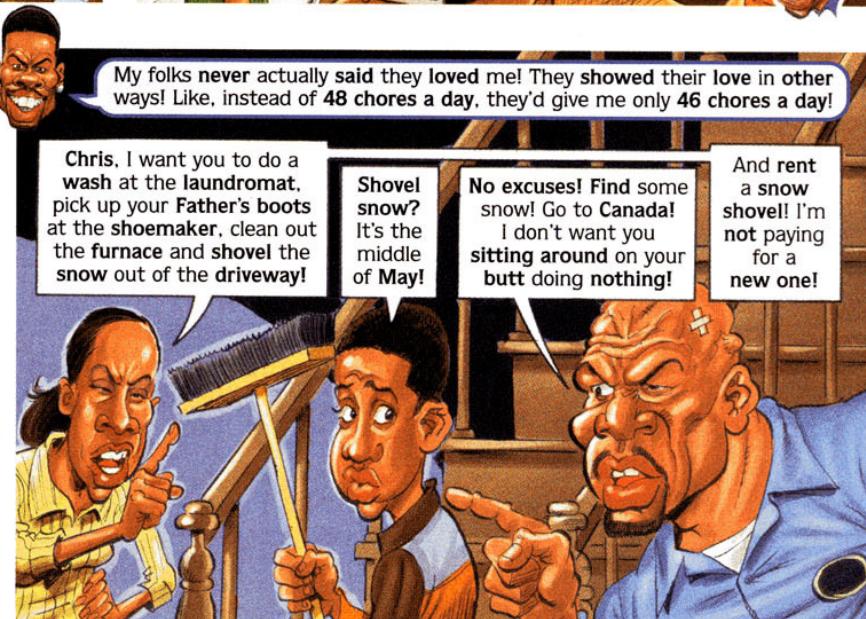
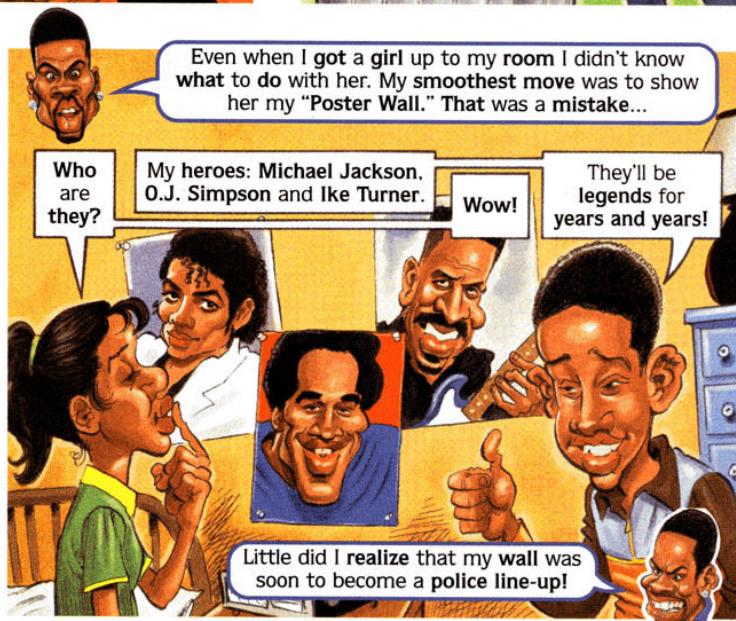
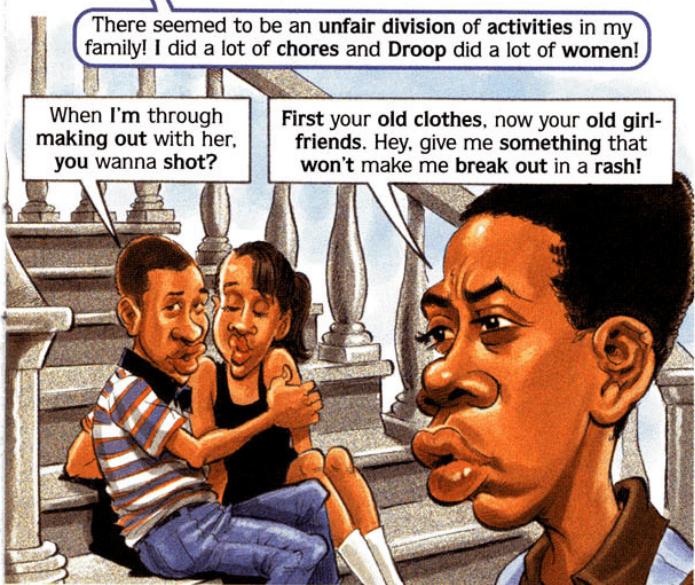
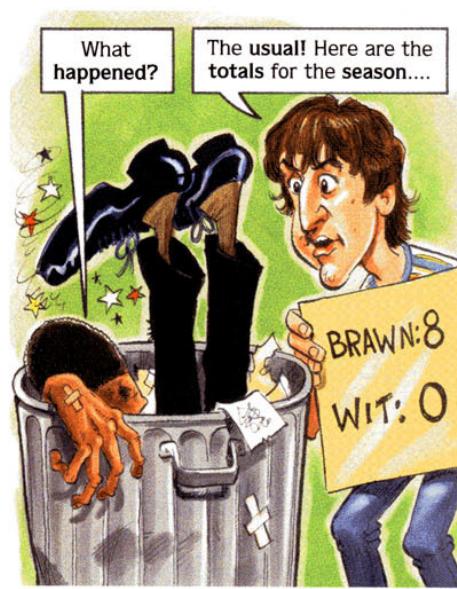


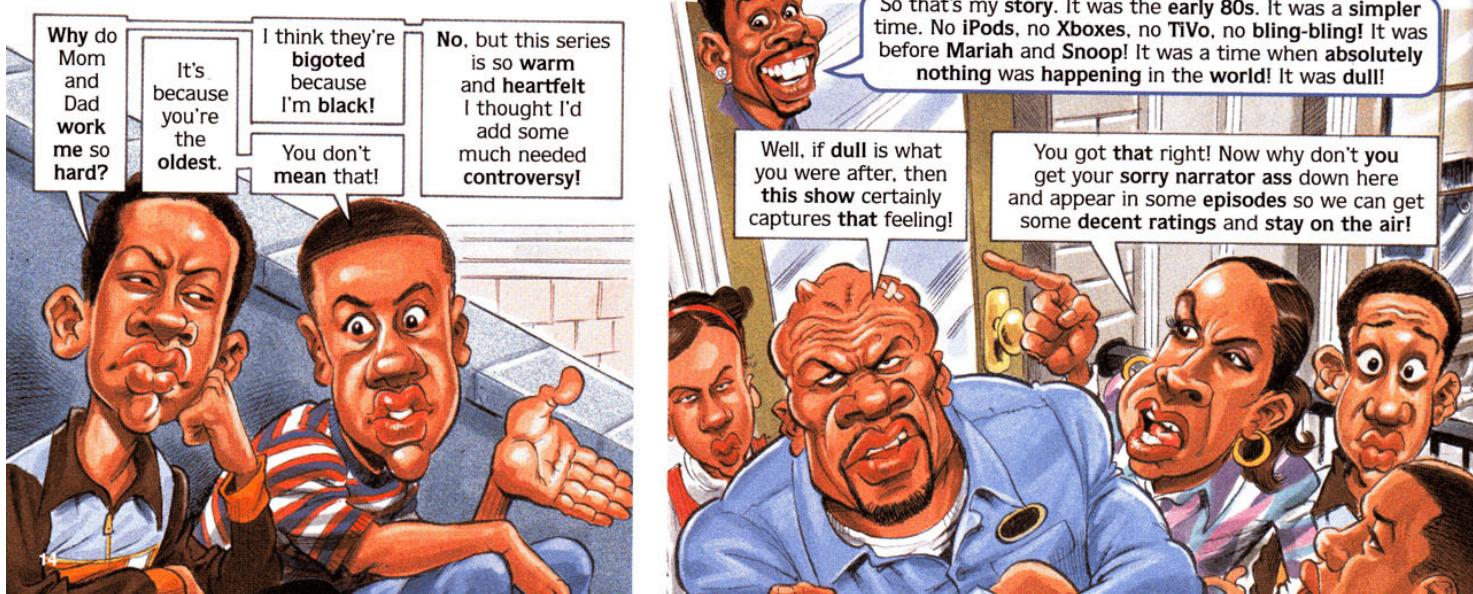
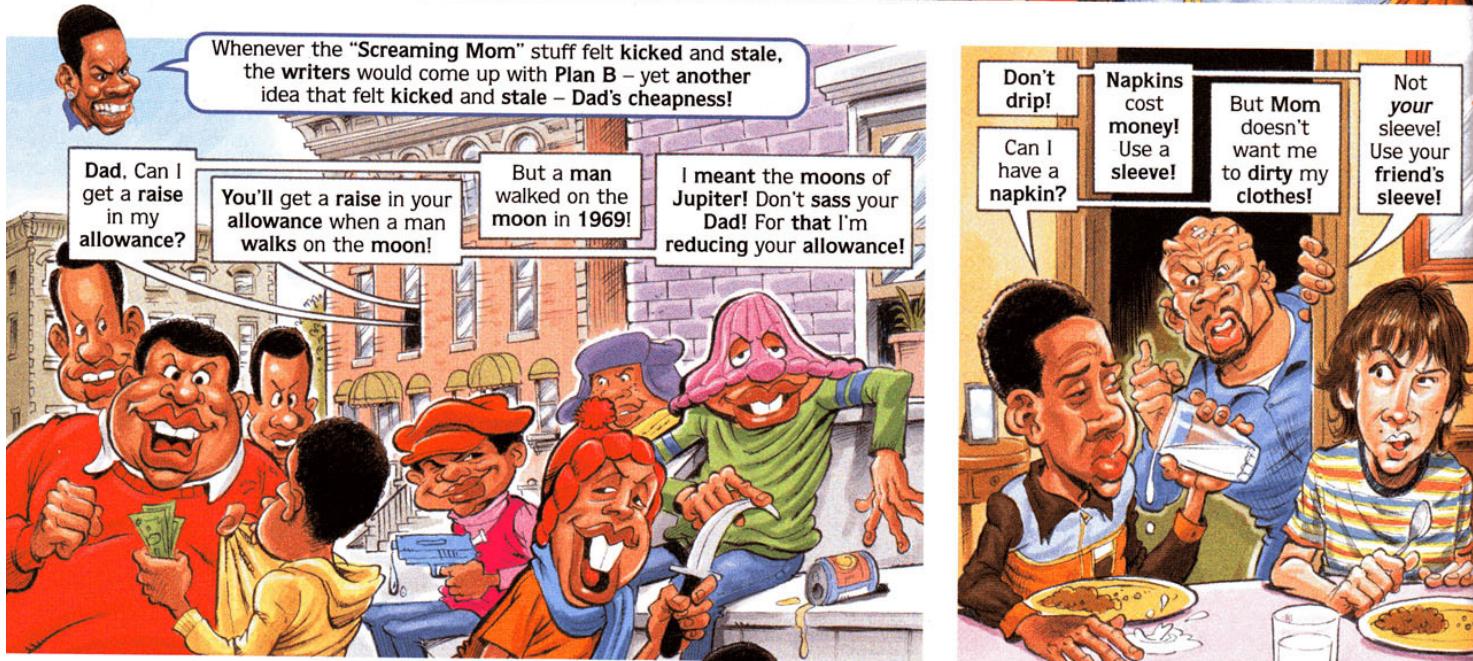
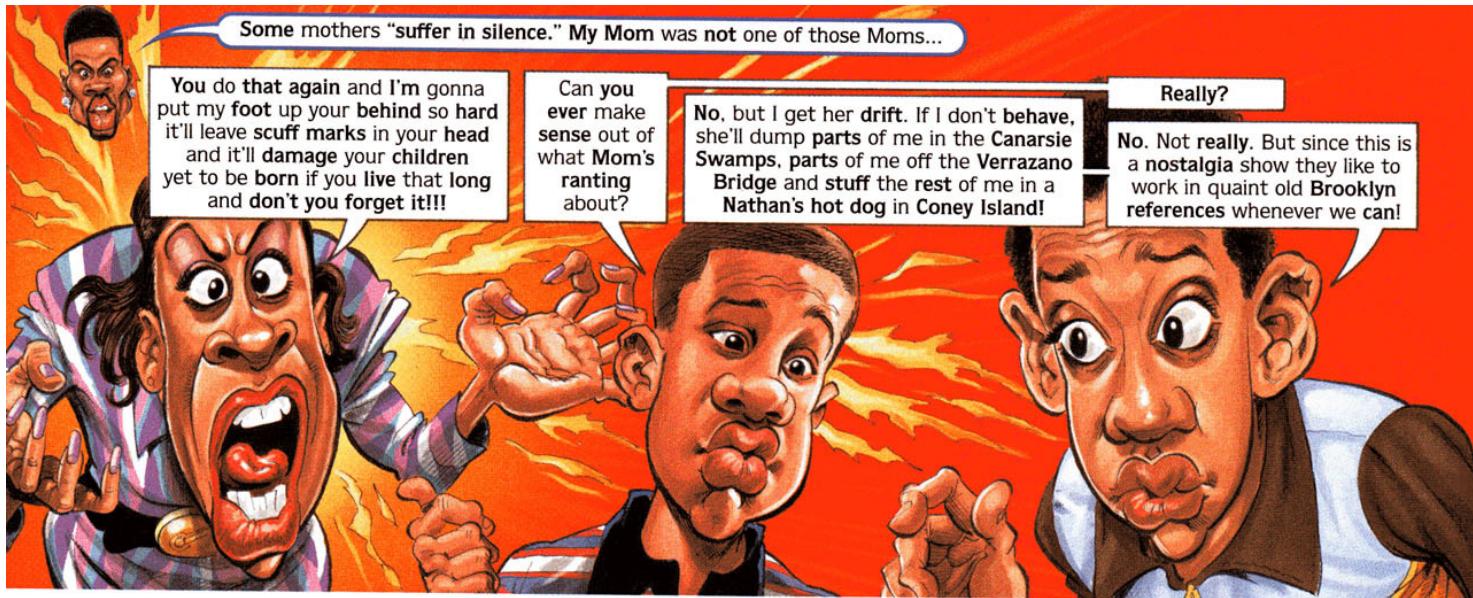
Every town has the same two malls: the one white people go to and the one white people **used** to go to!

This has nothing to do with our story, but, as I said,

I like to throw in stuff from my act!

Okay, let's move on...





HOWDY! MY NAME'S ROY,
AND THIS HERE'S MY
LIFE PARDNER CLETIS!

WE'RE GAY COWBOYS!
WE'RE HERE, WE'RE QUEER
AND WE ROPE STEER...

WE JUST CAME FROM
THE SAGEBRUSH CINEMA
WHERE WE SAW
"BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN"
THE NEW MOVIE THAT
FOCUSSES ON THE
DIFFICULTIES OF BEING
A GAY CABALLERO!

SO IF YOU'RE
HANKERIN' TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT
OUR STRUGGLES,
YOU COME TO THE
RIGHT PLACE,
HOMBRE!

YOU HEARD RIGHT.
I'M HIS LIFE PARDNER!

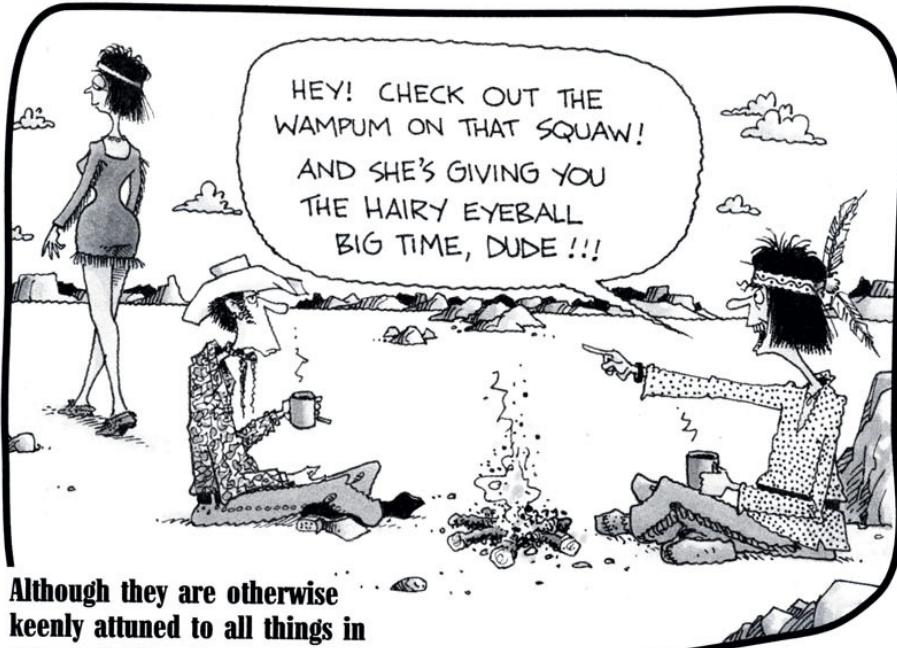
...SO GET USED TO IT!

WHILE IT WAS
PURDY GOOD, IT
ONLY SCRATCHED
THE SURFACE
AS TO WHAT WE
GO THROUGH.

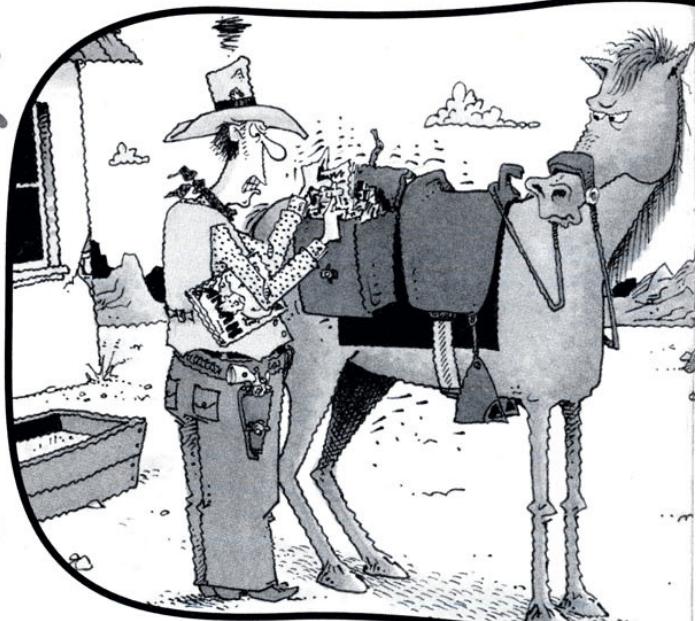
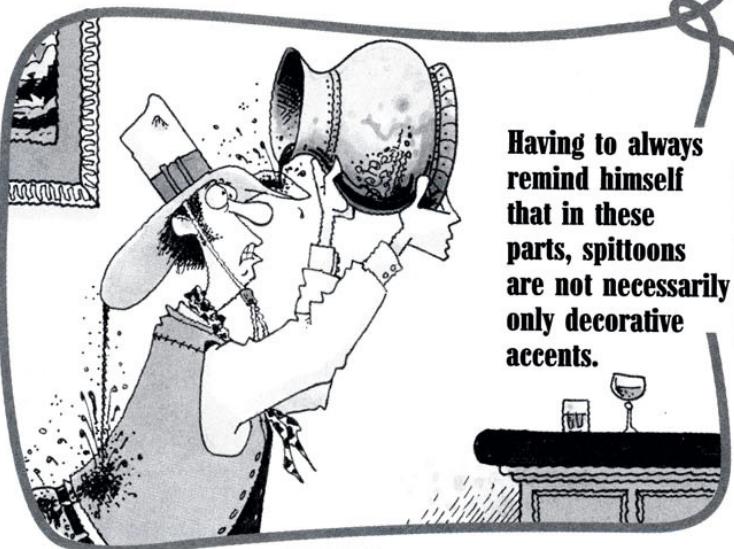
YUP.
TAKE A GANDER
AT.....

JOHN
CALDWELL's

Ugly Issues Gay Cowboys
are Forced to
Contend With



Although they are otherwise keenly attuned to all things in nature, Indians have absolutely no gaydar to speak of.



The hurtful and deceptive "Not tonight, I have a saddle sore" excuse.

Ignorant city folk
who constantly
ask if he still
keeps in touch
with the cop or
the construction
worker.

SHORTY! YOU
TAKE DUSTY
AND FRUITCAKE
OUT TO
ROUND UP
THE HERD!

The sheer lack
of imagination
when it comes
to cowboy
nicknames.

Saddlebags don't
hold as many muscle
magazines as you
might think they would.

MUSIC: MIDNIGHT
NOT A SOUND FROM THE PAVEMENT,
F HAS THE MOON LOST HER MEMORY F
SHE IS SMILING ALO-DE-HO-DE-HAYEEHEE!

There's the
question of where
to add yodels in
campfire renditions
of showtunes.

Tobacco chaw drool stains
that take all the romance
out of slow dancing.



Q & A-HOLE DEPT.

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Mr. President, considering _____ (1) _____ (2) _____,
what message do you have for _____ (3) _____?
I'm aware that _____ (4) _____ (5) _____ criticize
_____ (6) _____. Fortunately, I can rely on
_____ (7) _____ (8) _____ while _____ (9) _____.
So let me state, _____ (10) _____

1

the challenges facing
how you've failed
that you're crucifying
that you're ridiculed by
your lack of compassion for
your ignoring
Rumsfeld's betrayal of
your secret hatred of
your total ignorance of
your attempts to destroy

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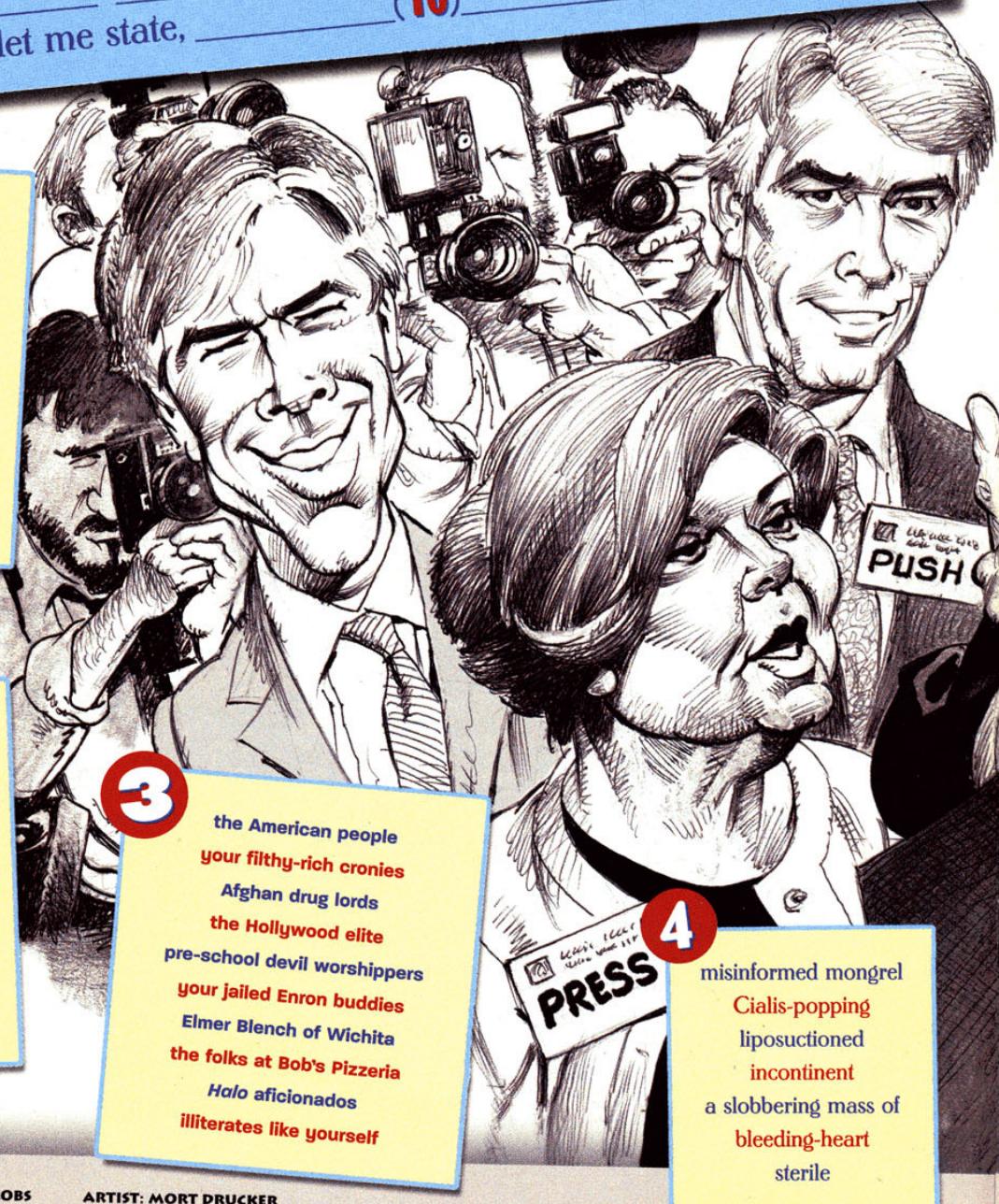
the nation
the military in Iraq
the middle class
the proud and the obese
closet dwarfs
the Cincinnati Bengals
those North Korean crazies
tribal casinos
gay sumo wrestlers
the cast of *The O.C.*

3

the American people
your filthy-rich cronies
Afghan drug lords
the Hollywood elite
pre-school devil worshippers
your jailed Enron buddies
Elmer Blech of Wichita
the folks at Bob's Pizzeria
Halo aficionados
illiterates like yourself

4

misinformed mongrel
Cialis-popping
liposuctioned
incontinent
a slobbering mass of
bleeding-heart
sterile



SELF GEORGE W. BUSH

10

"We shall stay the course!"
 "What happens in Crawford stays in Crawford!"
 "Mission Accomplished!"
 "I did not have sex with that woman, Monica Lewinsky!"
 "Whoever smelt it, dealt it!"
 "There's no crying in baseball!"
 "I'm Batman!"
 "The name of our act is...The Aristocrats!"
 "Let's hug it out, bitch!"
 "I ain't no hollaback girl!"

9

I remain leader of the free world
 I plummet in the polls
 the nation goes down the tubes
 I'm despised in Spokane
 I firmly support Halliburton
 I cut veterans' benefits
 something screwy happens in Iraq
 I screw the Kurds
 backing Pat Robertson's hit list
 gas prices go through the roof

8

expert advice
 Krumping skills
 crush on Alan Greenspan
 breaking wind on buses
 fascination with hernias
 ties to the Saudis
 lust for parakeets
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 lactose intolerance
 raging hormones

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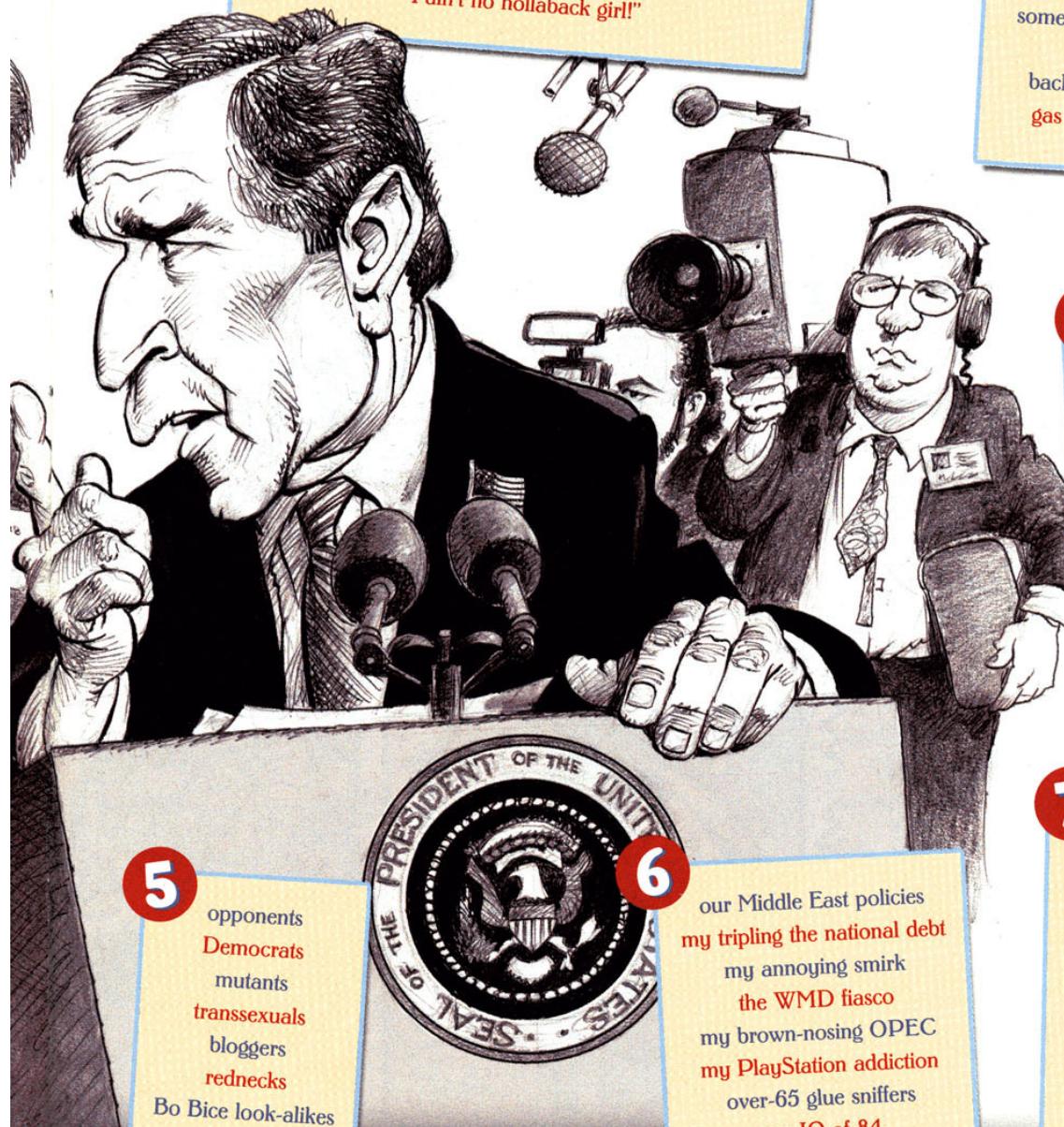
Condi Rice's
 the cast of *Scrubs'*
 Netflix's
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 Michael Moore's
 Diddy's
 my old AA sponsor's
 Boy Scout Troop 41's
 Brad and Angelina's

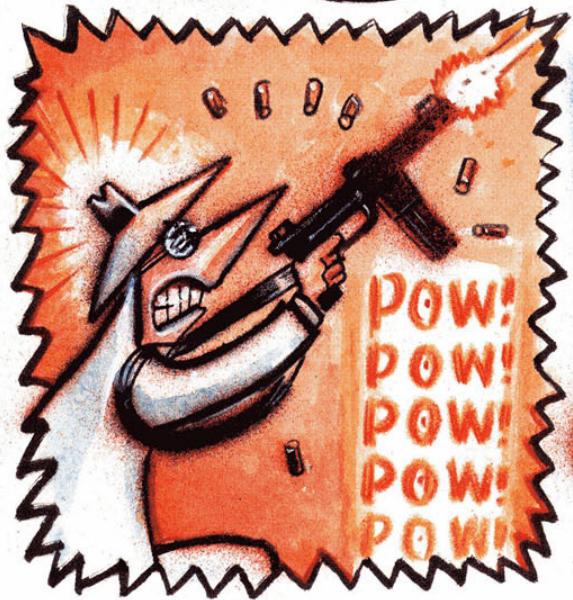
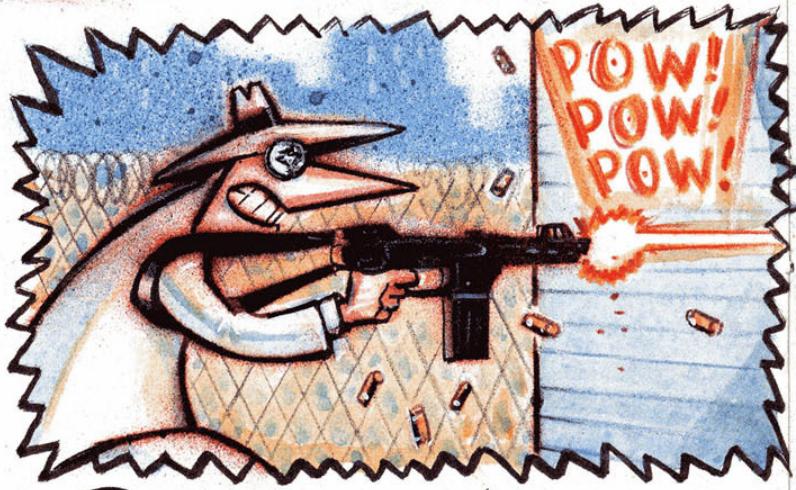
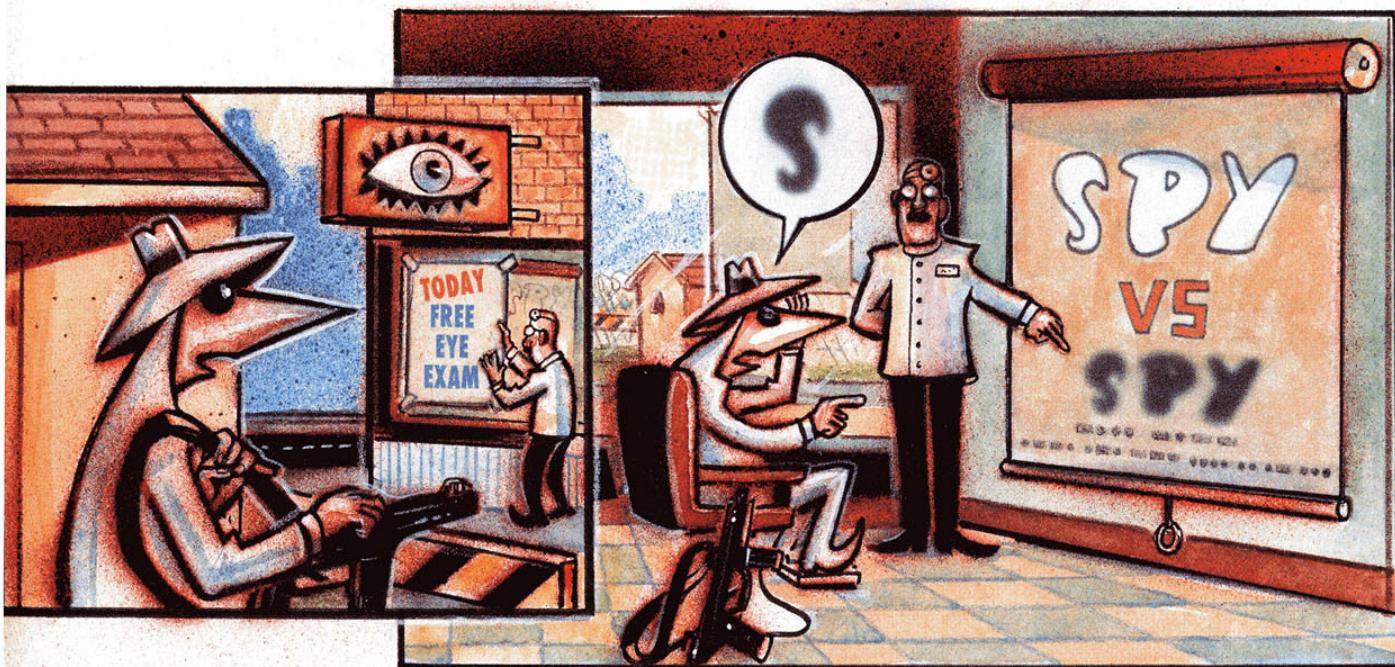
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 transsexuals
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 bean-counters

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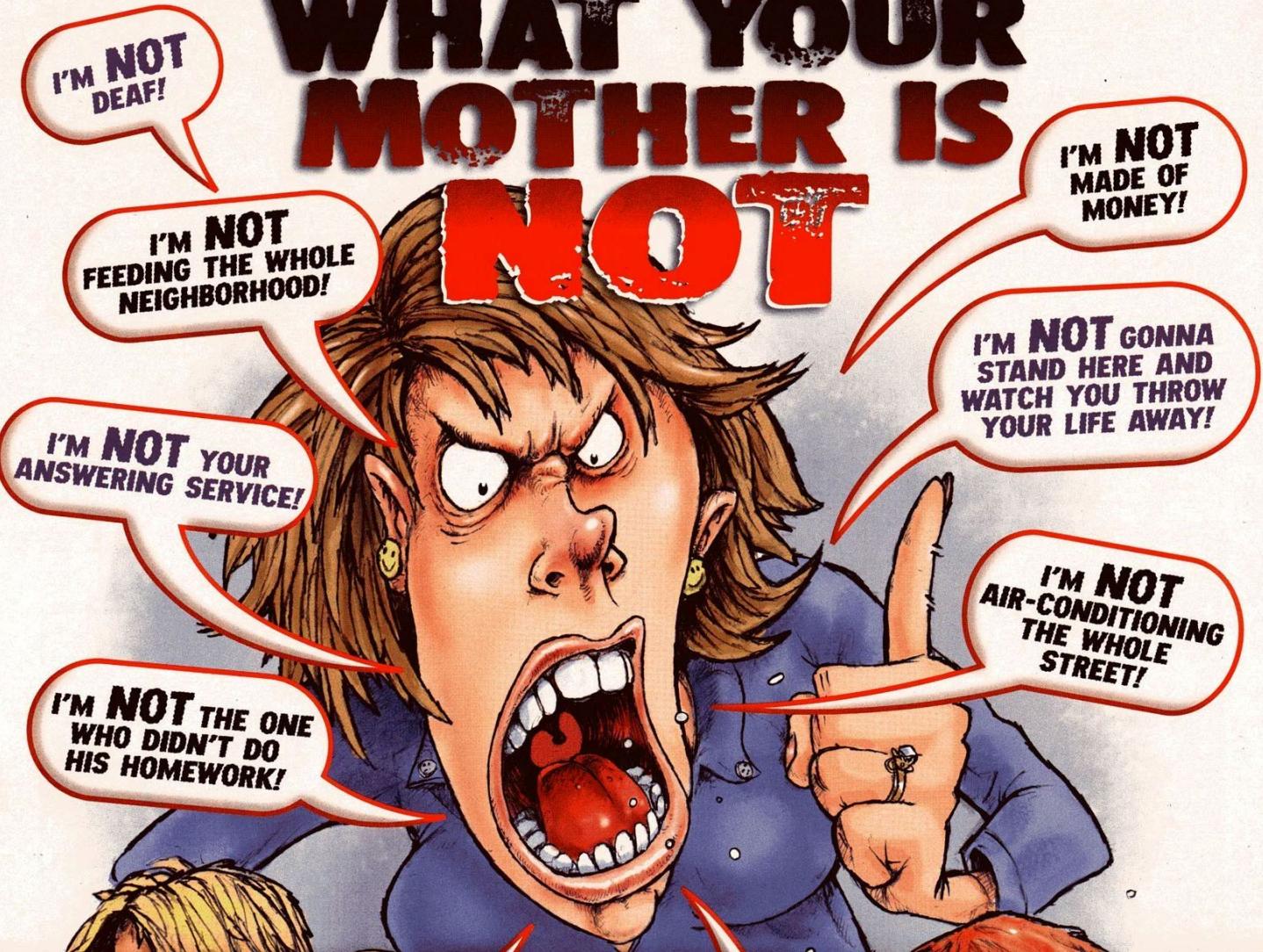
our Middle East policies
 my tripling the national debt
 my annoying smirk
 the WMD fiasco
 my brown-nosing OPEC
 my PlayStation addiction
 over-65 glue sniffers
 my IQ of 84







WHAT YOUR MOTHER IS NOT

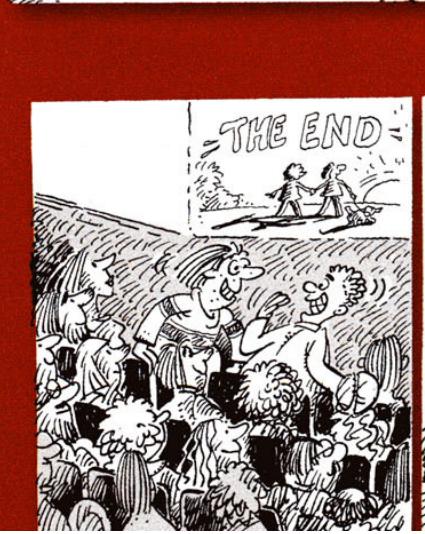






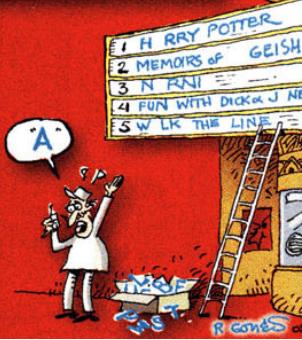
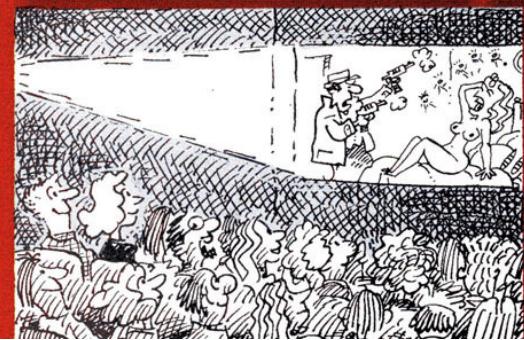
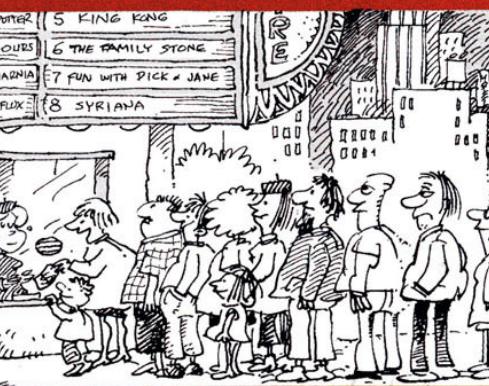
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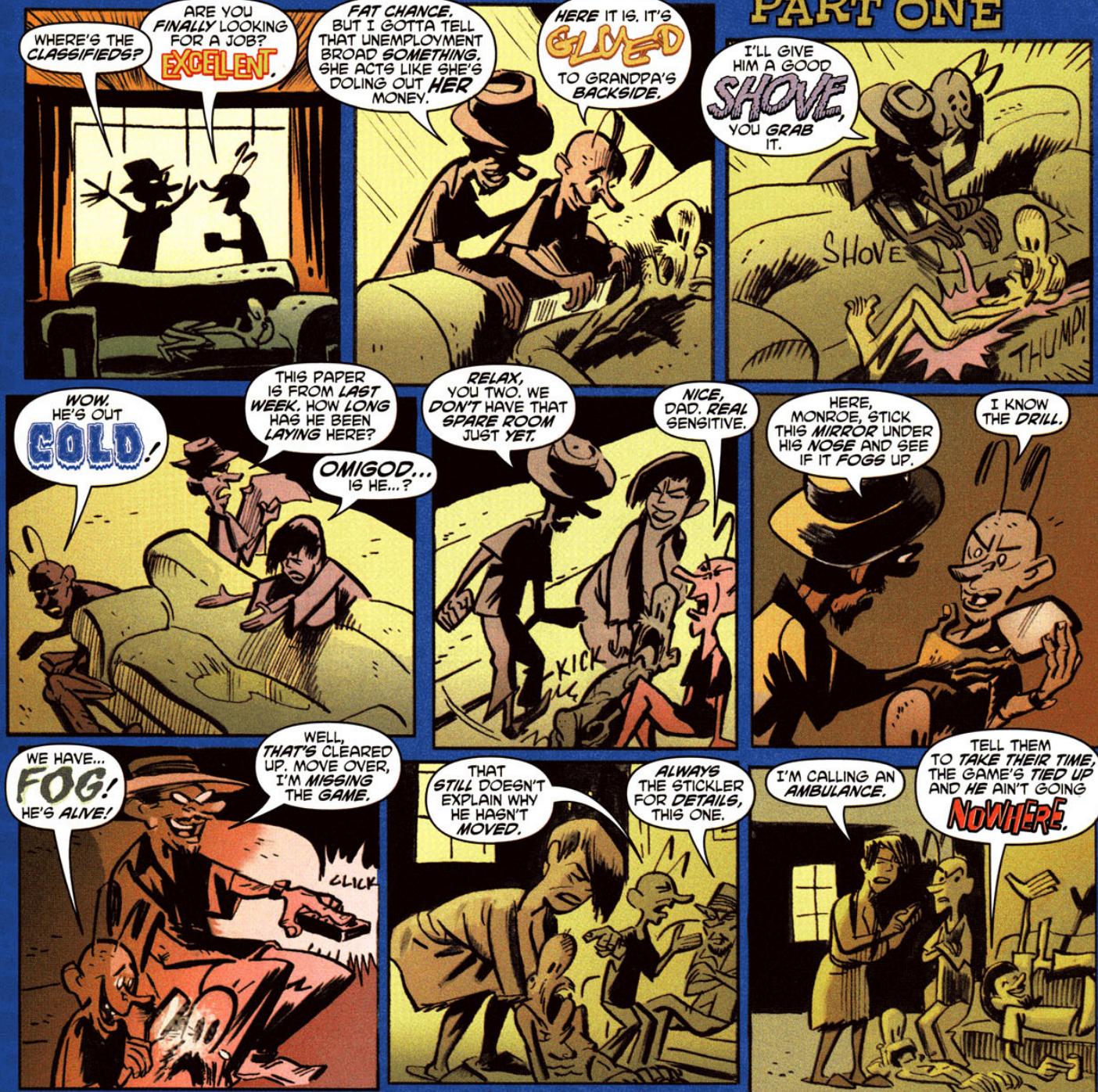
Get out the
protest signs,
it's...

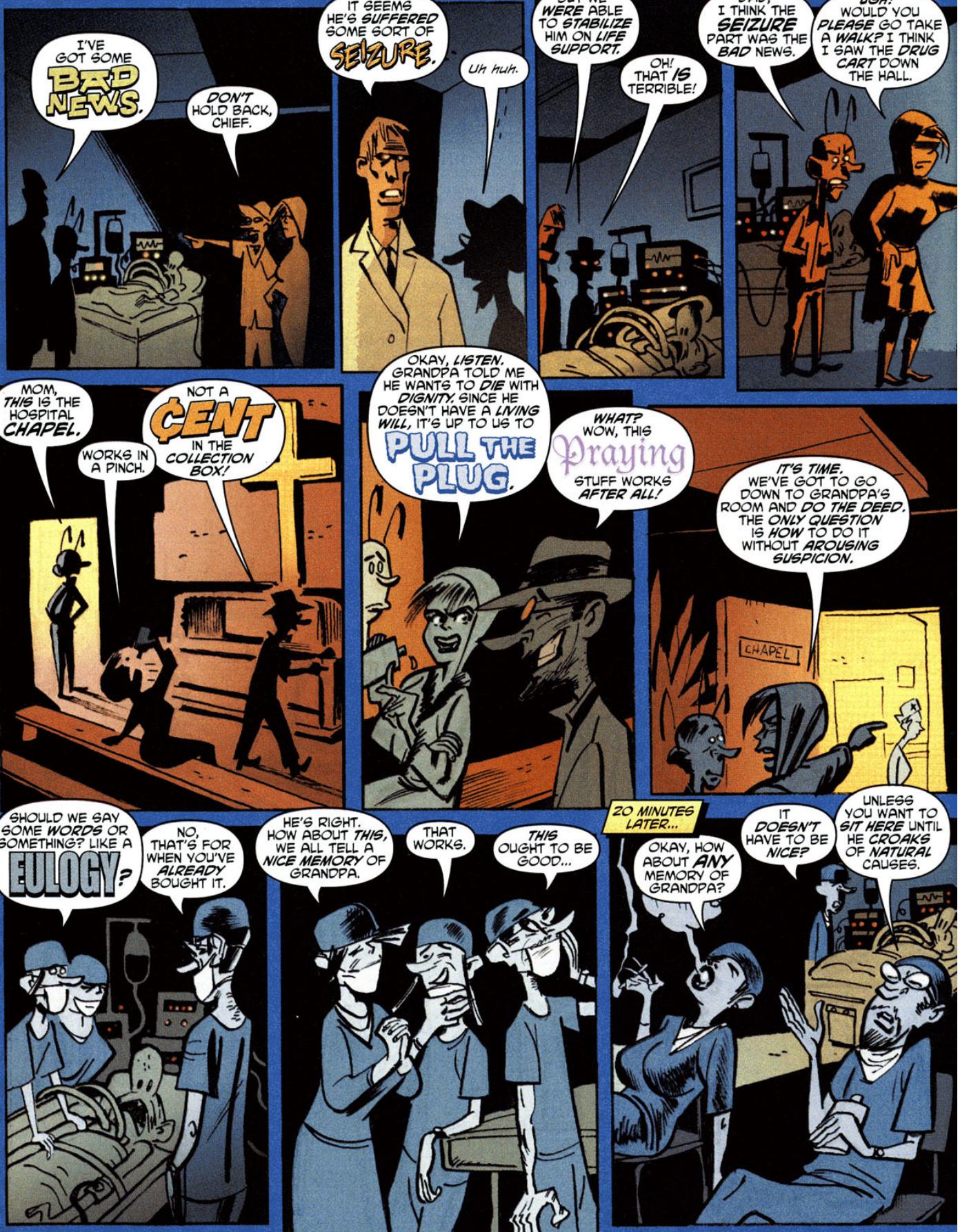
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and...

THE RIGHT TO DIE

PART ONE





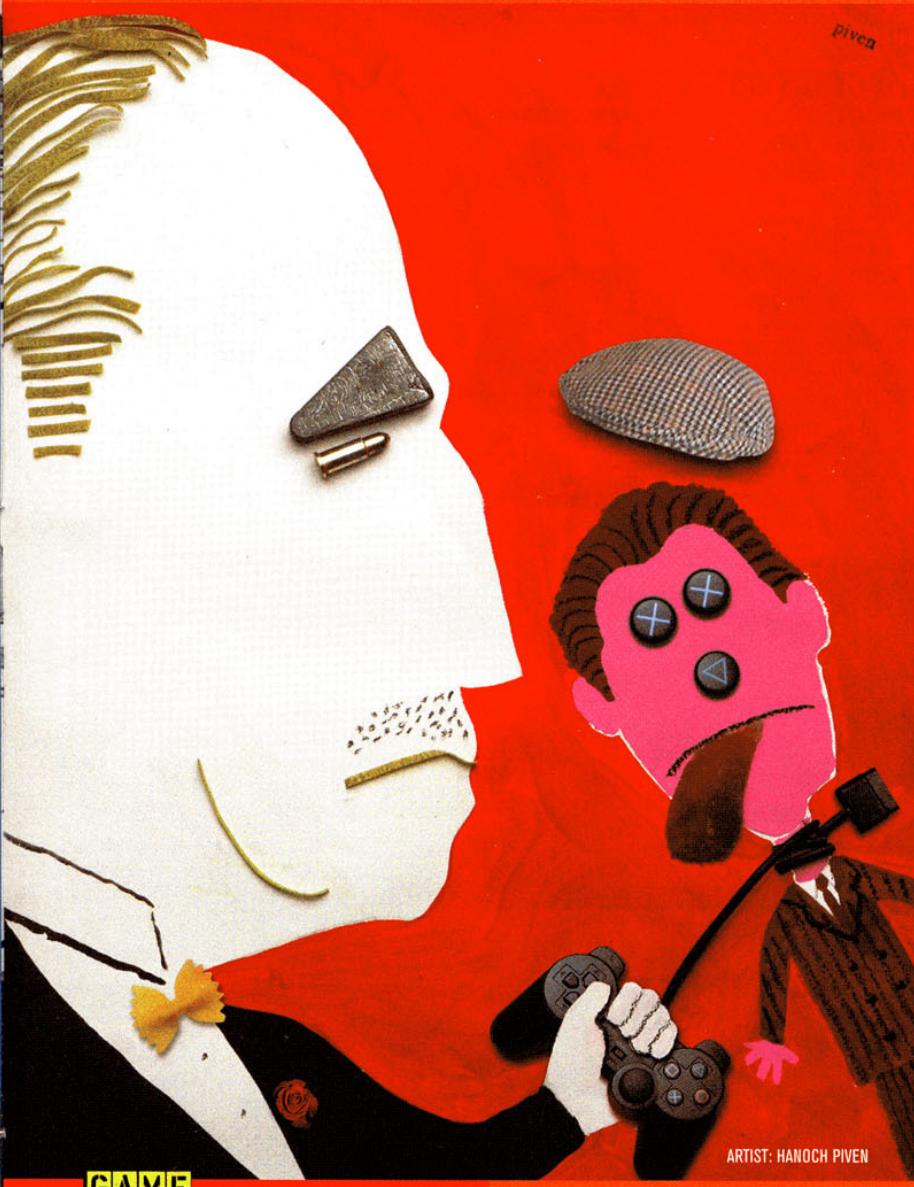




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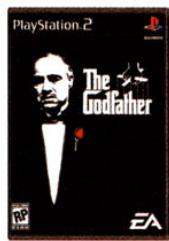
GAME

THE GODFATHER

PS2, Xbox, PC • Electronic Arts

The Hype: Join the Corleone family and earn respect through loyalty and fear as you rise through the ranks to become Don in 1945-1955 New York. From mob hits to bank heists to drive-bys, step inside the world of *The Godfather*, where intimidation and negotiation are your tickets to the top.

The Snipe: Rather than blowing a ton of money getting the rights to *The Godfather* and the *Corleones*, EA could have saved a few bucks and made pretty much the same game by basing it on the Bush family. All of their violence and intimidation's in the public domain.



MUSIC

WHEN THE GOING GETS DARK

Touch and Go Records • March 21

The Hype: Even though Sam Coomes and Janet Weiss have divorced since forming Quasi back in 1993, they still make music together. Their latest album offers more of their signature sound — with Weiss on drums and Coomes providing keyboards and often-anguished vocals.

The Snipe: *A divorced couple in a band where the ex-wife drums? Sounds like The White Stripes stole that formula, added some candy cane-colored outfits and cashed in.*



BOOK

REAL MEN WORK IN THE PITS A LIFE IN NASCAR RACING



JEFF HAMMOND

Rodale • \$14.95 • 272 pages • February

The Hype: Jeff Hammond, one of NASCAR's all-time great crew chiefs, recalls all the thrilling moments of his life in racing.

The Snipe: Please be advised that all of his "thrilling moments" involve lugnuts.

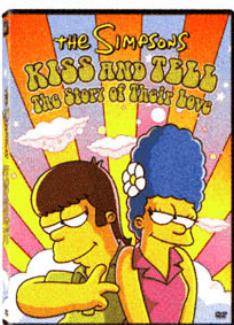
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THE SIMPSONS: KISS & TELL

THE DEVIL'S
FOX Home Entertainment • February 7

The Hype: Just in time for Valentine's Day, this special collection features four "romantically-themed" episodes never before seen on DVD, including "Large Marge," in which Marge gets breast implants.

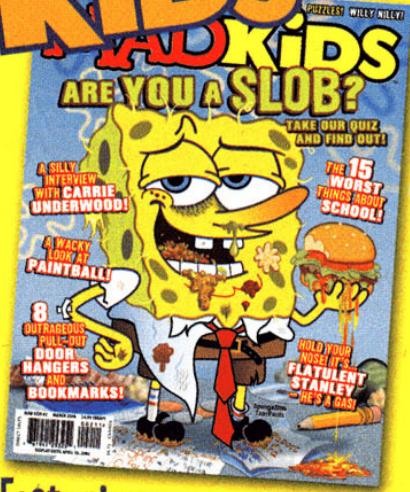
The Snipe: So now cartoon characters can get boob jobs? Are you reading this, Olive Oyl?



GO FETCH! GO FETCH!

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THE STUPIDITY DOESN'T STOP!



WHAT WERE

GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH!

PURSUIT FORCE GAME

PSP • Sony Computer Entertainment America Inc.

The Hype: As a member of a special police unit known as the Pursuit Force, players engage in high-speed action to traverse land, air and sea in a war to rid the city of crime. Players can maintain constant pursuit by jumping from one moving vehicle to another, fighting and dodging enemies while hanging on at breakneck speeds.

The Snipe: Rumor has it that Sony scrapped its original design where players earned colored wedges as they advanced through the game, which was going to be called *Trivial Pursuit Force*.



BOOK

WHY GIRLS CAN'T THROW

...AND OTHER QUESTIONS YOU ALWAYS WANTED ANSWERED
MITCHELL SYMONS

Harper Paperbacks • \$12.95 •
256 pages • February 14

The Hype: The author attempts to answer the often pondered, but never explained questions of our lives, such as "Why do men have nipples?"

The Snipe: Spoiler alert: The answer is not, "So guys could give each other purple nipples."



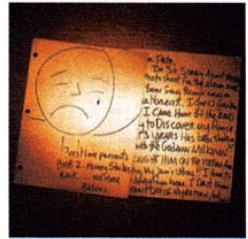
MUSIC

BABIES MAKING BABIES VOL. 2: THE MISERY STRIKES

QUESTLOVE

BBe • February 14

The Hype: For Volume 1, Questlove (the drummer for The Roots) compiled some of Soul's best love songs — this time around, he's focusing on the painful side of romance with songs like "How Can You Mend a Broken Heart," "Our Love Has Died" and "Good Morning Heartache."



The Snipe: It's a safe bet that Nick Lachey already has this one downloaded on the ol' iPod.

GAME



STAR WARS: EMPIRE AT WAR

PC • LucasArts

The Hype: Set a few years before the events of *Episode IV: A New Hope*, this action/strategy game lets players wage war on ground and in space, as well as experience the creation of the Rebel Alliance, the strengthening of the Empire and the beginnings of the Galactic Civil War. Memorable *Star Wars* characters like Obi-Wan Kenobi and Darth Vader can be brought into the action to help turn the tide of the battle as players build, manage and upgrade their space and ground-based units, vehicles, troops and base structures.

The Snipe: Great, another game in which you fight the Empire. For all their technical know-how, why can't the Lucas boys just create an "action/strategy" game that simulates a date with Natalie Portman?

DVD

COMEDY CENTRAL ROAST OF PAMELA ANDERSON: UNCENSORED

Paramount Home Entertainment • February 14

The Hype: See bombshell Pamela Anderson on the spot as the subject of a white-hot and completely uncensored roast by fellow celebrities, including Jimmy Kimmel, Andy Dick and Courtney Love.



The Snipe: Rabid fans of previous "completely uncensored" Pamela Anderson videos will be disappointed that she's completely clothed in this one.



GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH!



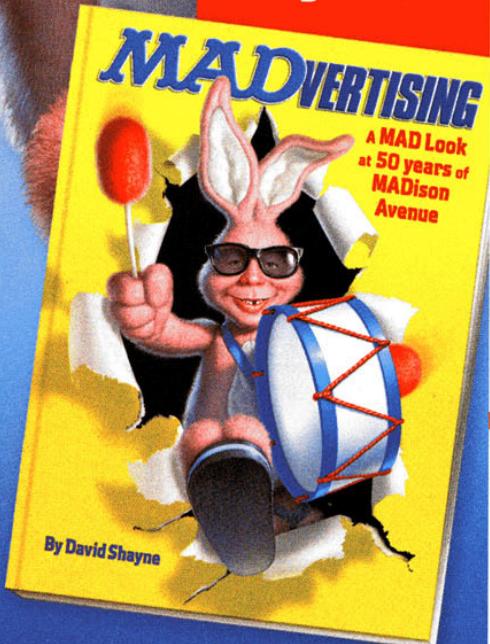
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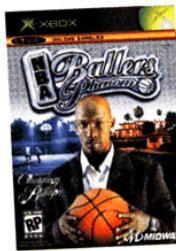
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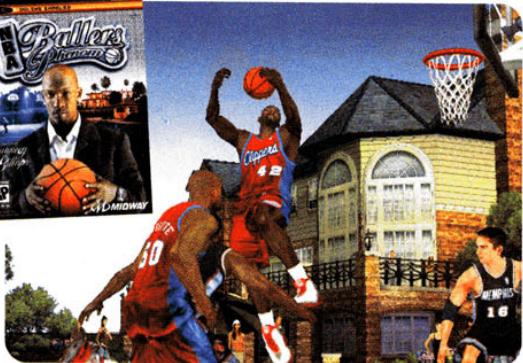
NBA BALLERS: PHENOM

PS2, Xbox • Midway

The Hype: The NBA Finals in sunny Los Angeles, California. It's time for all the unknowns from around the world to step on the court and get noticed by the right people. From scouts and coaches to casting directors, everyone is looking for the next phenom. Take the trophy in unique basketball tournaments, customize your style to get all the eyes on you, and interact with the local scene.



GAME



MUSIC

IF ONLY YOU WERE LONELY HAWTHORNE HEIGHTS

Victory Records • February 28

The Hype: The band releases the follow-up to their hit debut, *The Silence in Black and White*, starting with their single, "This Is Who We Are."



The Snipe: It would be a gutsy career move if "This Is Who We Are" was just a four-second song that consisted of the sole lyric, "Um... We're Hawthorne Heights."



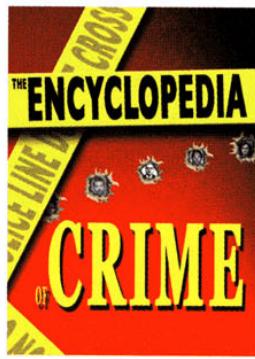
BOOK

THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CRIME OLIVER CYRIAX

The Overlook Press • \$40.00 • 544 pages • February

The Hype: Read about the facts, the history and the science of crime, including murderers, unsolved mysteries and a short history of hanging. Featured killers include Ted Bundy, Jeffrey Dahmer and the Boston Strangler.

The Snipe: There's no section on shoplifting, so should you decide to steal the book, you won't have to worry about being included in Volume 2.



GAME

FULL SPECTRUM WARRIOR: TEN HAMMERS

PC, Xbox, PS2 • THQ

The Hype: As squad leader, players coordinate the actions of multiple infantry squads, leading them through hostile environments. Players utilize authentic combat tactics as they battle enemies with an explosive arsenal of weapons and high-tech military equipment. With an enhanced multiplayer mode, players can go online and battle friends in a variety of head-to-head and team-based objective missions.

The Snipe: This sounds pretty stressful and labor-intensive. There should be a "French" mode where you can just surrender and let someone else do all the fighting for you.



THE MUST-HAVE!

VAUGHAN S016 16-OUNCE HICKORY HANDLE SUPERSTEEL BALL PEIN HAMMER

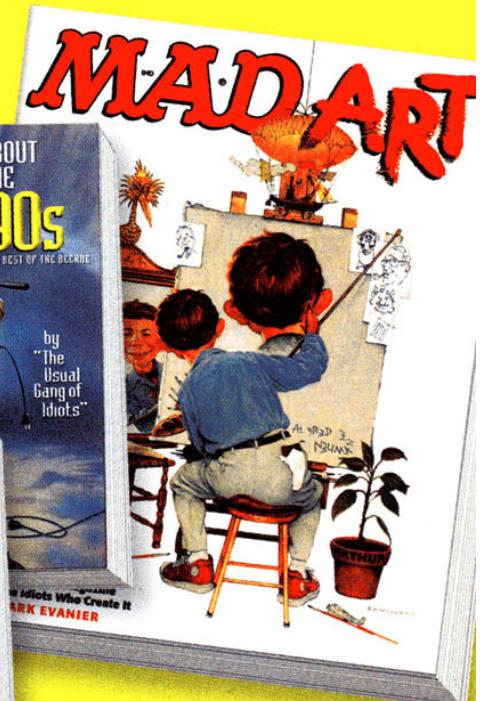
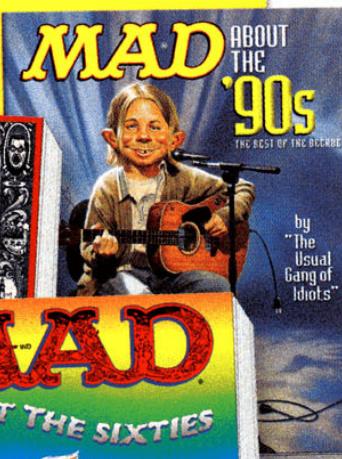
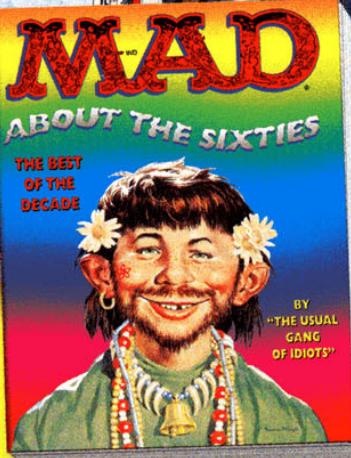
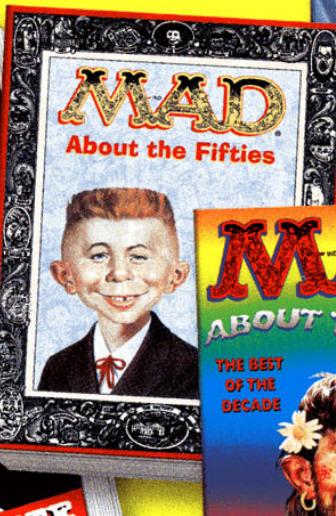
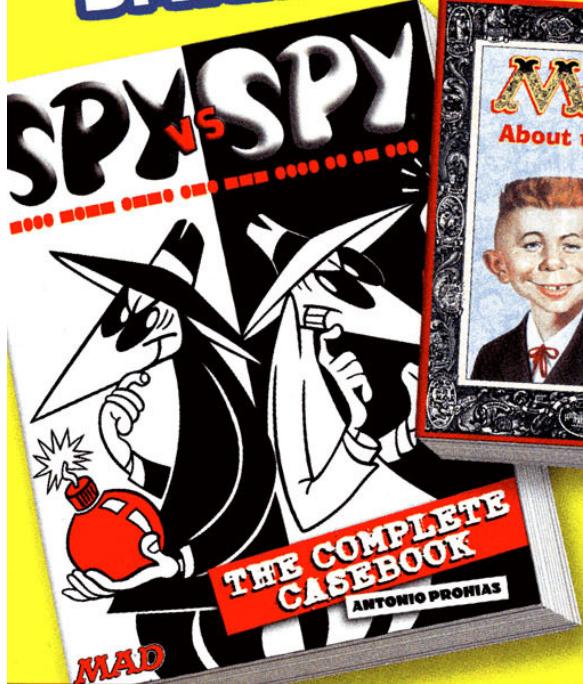
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The Snipe: Oh, sure, sure, if you believe those ball pein hammer lobbyist snakes!

GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH!

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BOOKS ARE JUST FOR
SMART PEOPLE?



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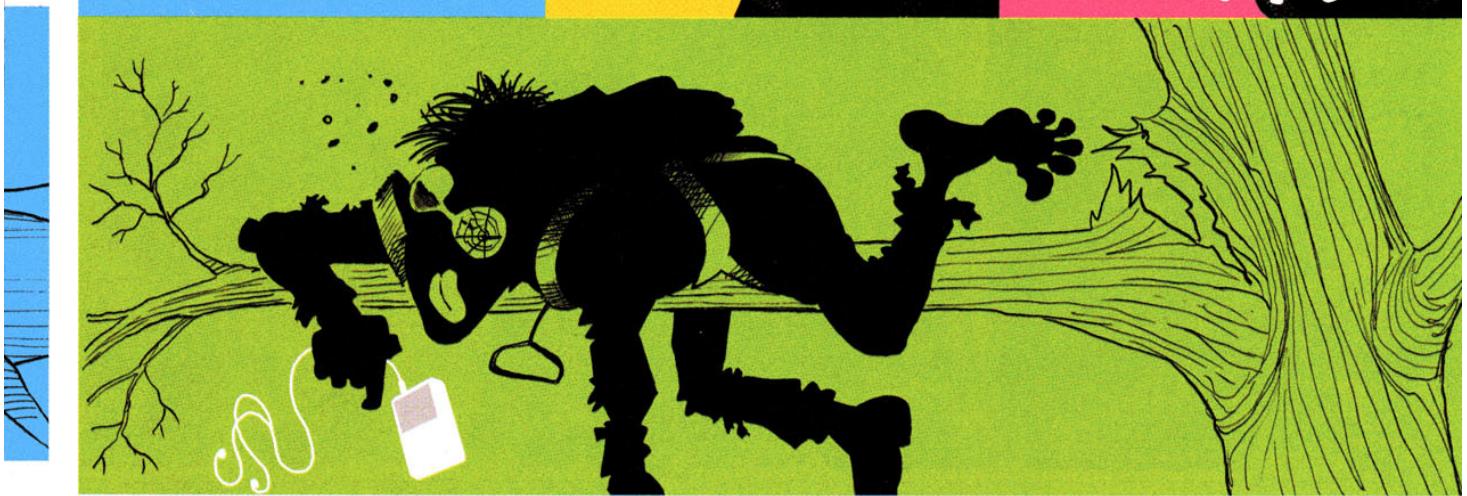
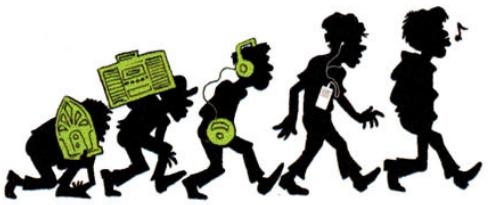
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[15 February | 03:19pm]

[mood] bored

In my biology textbook, I read that even blind chameleons change color to match their surroundings. I asked my dad how they figured that out, and he said, "Well, I guess they did a study where they blinded some chameleons and then saw what happened."

I think it's weird that somewhere out there in the world, there's a guy whose job title is: Chameleon Blinder. I wonder how you know when you've successfully blinded a chameleon. Do you ask it how many fingers you're holding up? Or what?



[15 February | 06:41pm]

I've been thinking about it, and if I ever have a band, it will be called Blind Chameleon.

[16 February | 05:50pm]

[mood] impatient

My birthday is now six days away. The number of days until I can drive can now be measured in mere hundreds. I pointed that out to my mom today, and she said, "I'll savor every one of them." Mom's sarcastic sometimes.

[17 February | 03:36pm]

Chuck Wiggins brought his Nintendo DS to school today. He let me see it. He wouldn't let me hold it, because, he said, "My mom said I can't let people play with it, because they might break it. Plus, it's flu season, so it's better not to touch things other people have touched." (Chuck's a nice guy, but his mom's super-nervous about everything, and as a result, so's he. Until he was in sixth grade, she made Chuck wear a helmet on the school bus.)

The Nintendo DS is pretty cool — it's got a program that makes it look like it's got a puppy inside it, and you can make it fetch and stay and stuff. Chuck really likes it because his mom won't let him have a dog, because she's afraid it might one day go crazy and kill him just like this dog she saw on the news. I really want a Nintendo DS for my birthday — I've already asked Mom and Dad. I told Chuck that, if I get one, I'm naming my puppy "Chuckbiter."

[19 February | 12:28pm]

[mood]  hungry

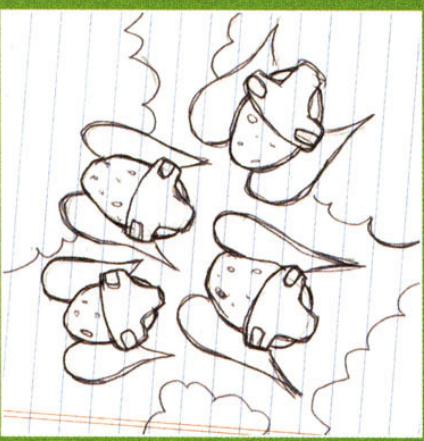
If you think about it, "tater tot" is a bad name for a food, because it suggests that you're eating potato babies.



[20 February | 04:07pm]

[mood]  envious

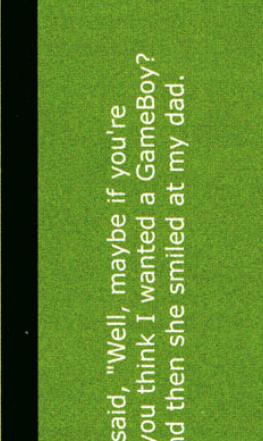
I really need a Nintendo DS. In study hall today, Chuck and my friend Darren were sitting on opposite sides of the room, racing against each other on Mario Kart on their DS-es. I had nothing to do but draw baby potato angels.



[21 February | 03:43pm]

[mood]  anxious

At breakfast, I reminded my mom and dad that I want a Nintendo DS for my birthday. And my mom said, "Well, maybe if you're good, you'll get that GameBoy you want." And I got all worried and said, "No! I want a DS! Why did you think I wanted a GameBoy? I have a GameBoy!" And she said, "Oh, a DS? Well, it's probably too late to get you one of those." And then she smiled at my dad. So I think they're just messing with my head. At least, I really hope that's all they're doing.



[22 February | 06:50am]

[mood]  birthday

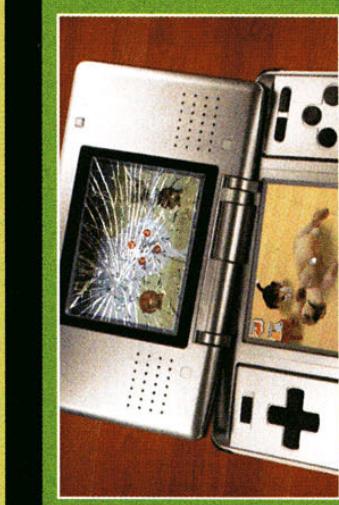
I got a Nintendo DS! Can't blog now — I'm teaching Chuckbiter to fetch.



[28 February | 07:26pm]

[mood]  devastated

Bad news. I went over to Chuck's today, and Darren came over, and we were all playing with our DS-es. And then I put my DS on the floor and went to the kitchen to get a soda, and then, when I came back, I stepped on it and broke it. I don't even know what was worse — breaking my DS, or having Chuck's mom come in the room immediately afterward and say, "You see, Chuck? That's why you shouldn't let Tad touch your things."



WRITER: TIM CARVELL

ARTIST: BRIAN DURNIAK



ROAMING WASN'T
BILLED IN A DAY DEPT.

Consider a cell phone plan that gives you 500 free minutes a month. 500 minutes! Not 300, not 400...500!! That's sooo many minutes! That is, until you start using them the way a lot of cell phone owners do — then 500 isn't so many minutes! Need proof? Just review the findings of our exhaustively researched and lavishly illustrated study we call...

MAD'S FEARLESS BREAK- DOWN OF 500 FREE CELL PHONE MINUTES

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ARTIST: RICK TULKA

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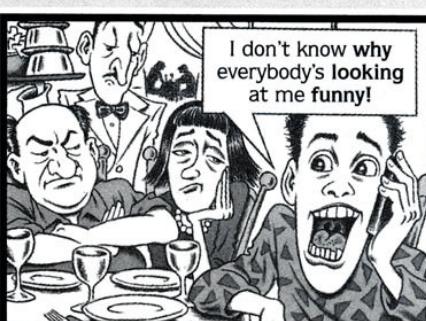
Calling someone you're in the same room with as a joke.

26 minutes:



Calling home to ask what you were sent to the store for.

8 minutes:



At a restaurant, saying the same nine words over and over again...

18 minutes:



Calling around for a good brain tumor doctor.

33 minutes:



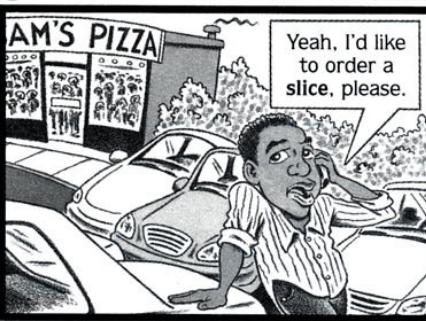
Making long distance calls to people you wouldn't otherwise talk to if you had to pay long distance charges.

16 minutes:



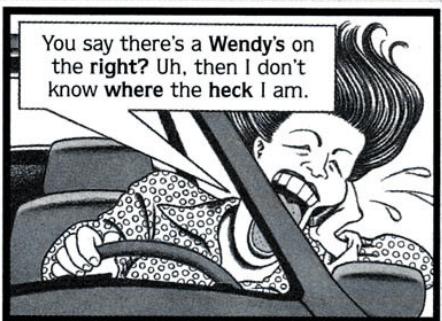
Calling your own number and pretending to be talking to someone to avoid having to talk to someone who's with you.

3 minutes:



Calling in your pizza order from the parking lot after determining that the line was too long to wait on.

21 minutes:



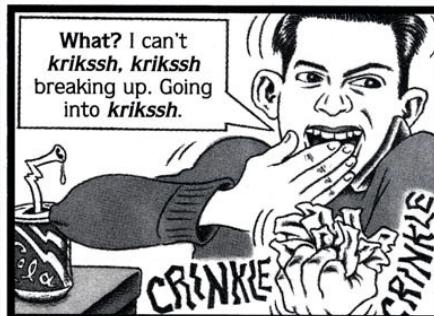
Getting or giving "real time" driving directions.

9 minutes:



Telling your boyfriend or girlfriend to call you at home so you don't use up all of your minutes.

16 minutes:



Pretending that your connection is breaking up to people you don't want to talk to anymore.

0 minutes:



An actual emergency.

60 minutes:



Listening to your favorite TV show by having somebody at home hold the phone up to the set.

10 minutes:



Wasted while trying to get your "hands free" earpiece to stay in your ear.

39 minutes:





LIP STINKING DEPT.

Oh God, I need
to get to a bathroom!
That breakfast burrito
is "Trapped in
the Colon"!

MAD'S INESCAPABLE TRAPPED in the CLOSET OUTTAKES

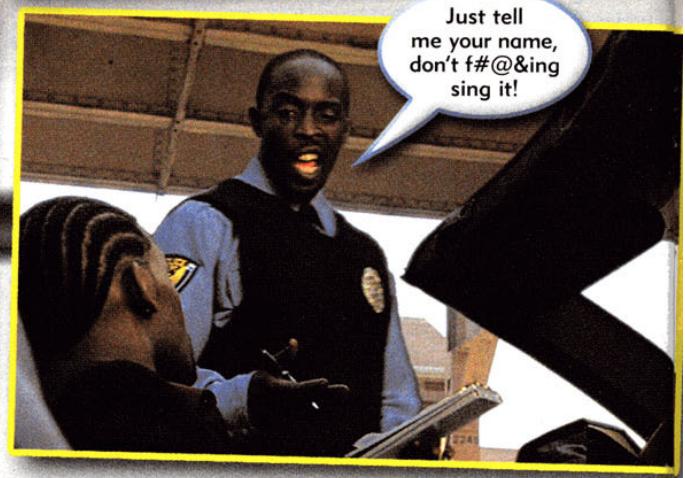
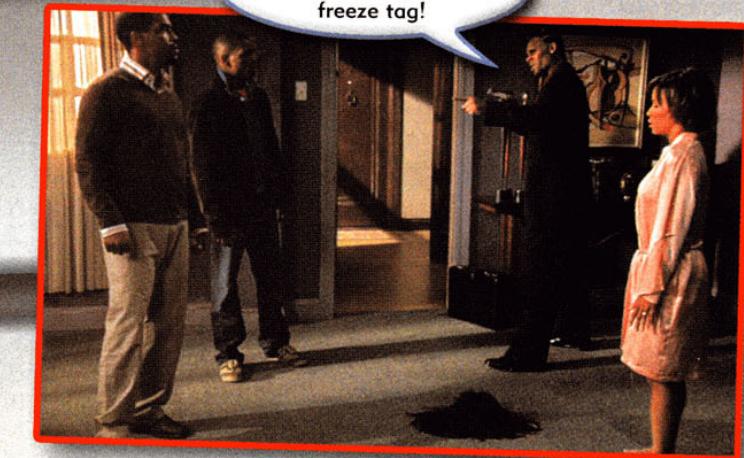
I just...I just
can't believe you used
my loofah!

Stay right there!
This is only Chapter 2 —
we've got at least 20 more
chapters to go before you
can leave!

Damnit, I've got
to get rid of this annoying
"Trapped in the Closet"
ringtone!

Well, this sure
is an awkward game of
freeze tag!

Just tell
me your name,
don't f#@&ing
sing it!







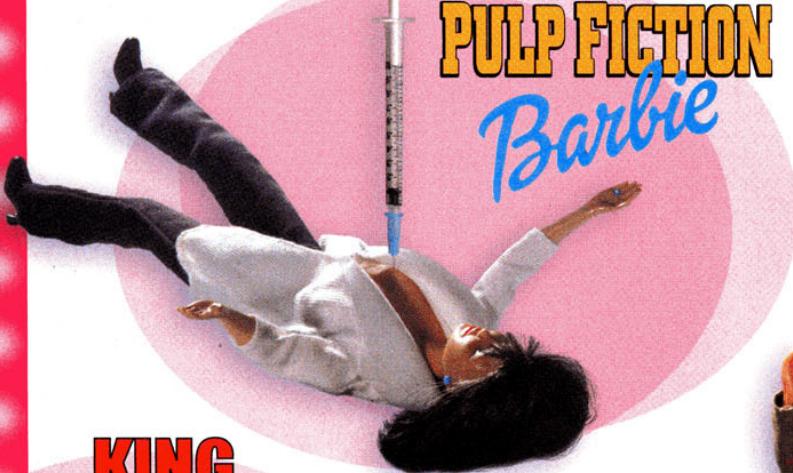
GUISE AND DOLLS DEPT.

For more than five decades, Barbie has been the beloved plaything of millions of young girls and "very special" young boys. But after years of peddling the same exact doll in a different colored dress, it seemed as though the Barbie franchise had run out of gas. That is, until Mattel said "OK!" to a whole new line of movie-themed Barbies — but not every movie fit the Barbie image, and so we present...

Barbie MOVIE THAT TIE-INS NEVER WERE

IDEA: DUCK EDWING
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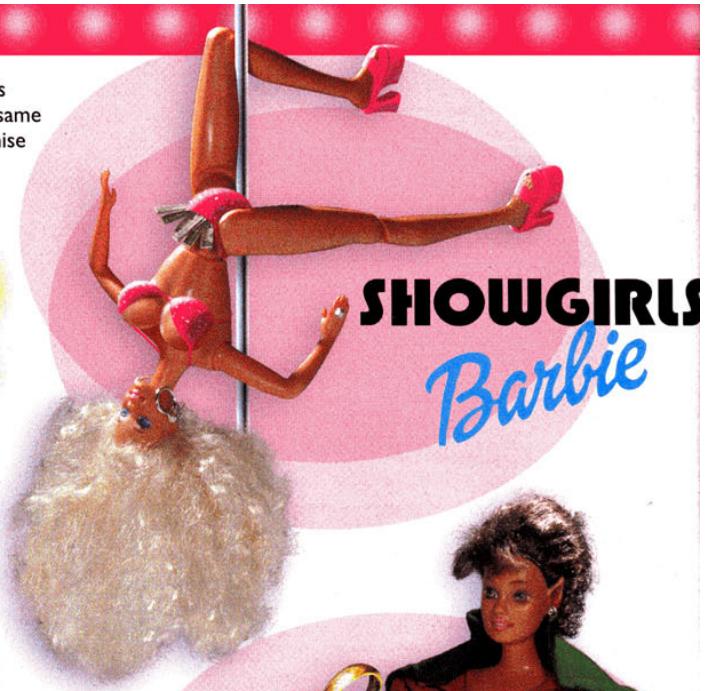
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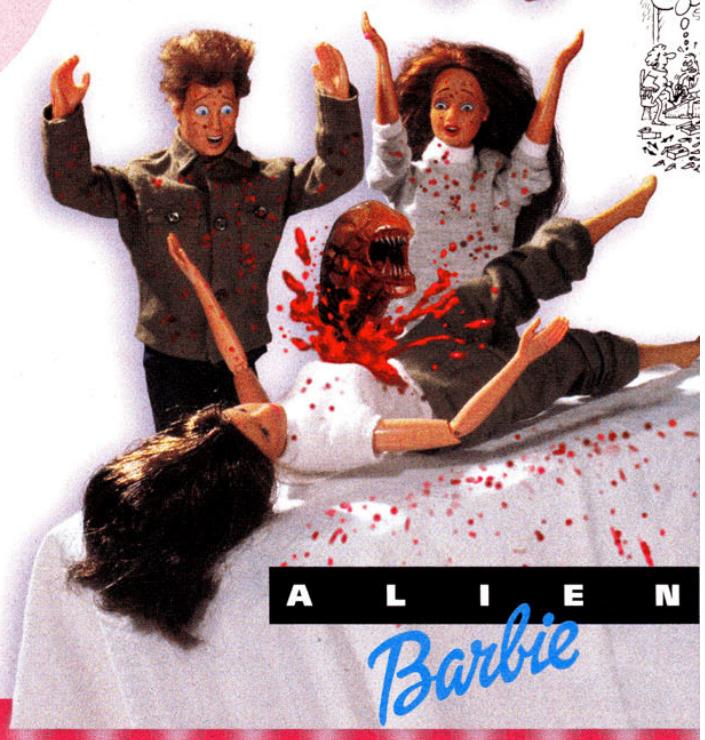


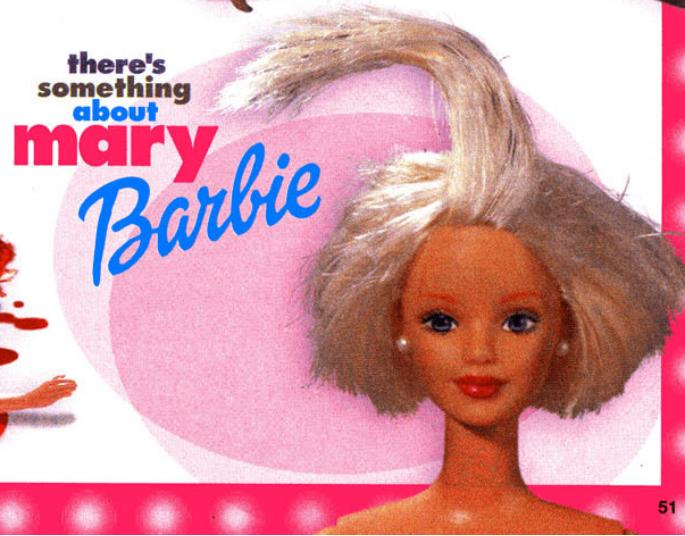
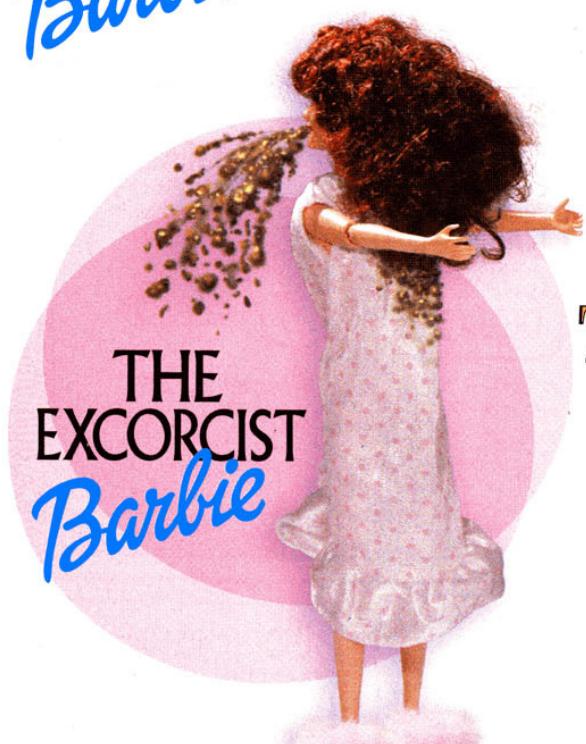
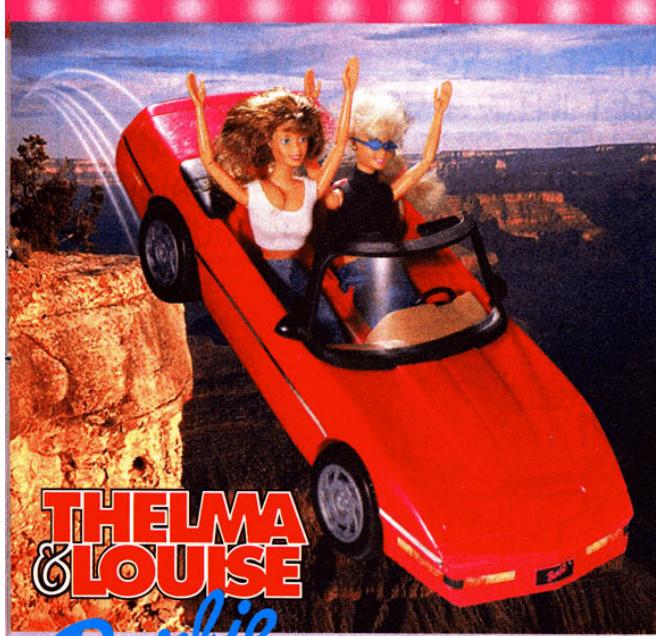
THE LORD
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Barbie



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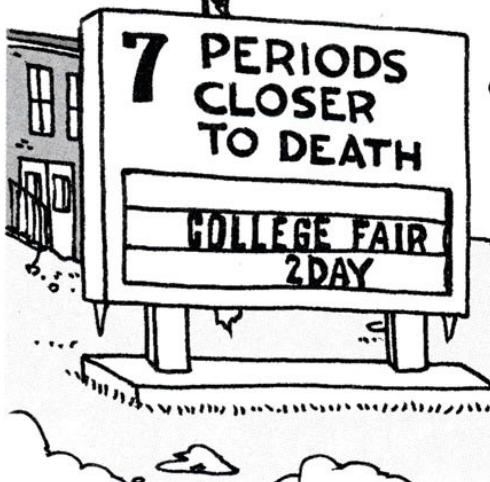
Barbie







RALL YOU CAN EAT DEPT.



BECAUSE, RICHARD, COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OFFICERS LOOK FOR APPLICANTS WHO'VE BEEN ACTIVE IN A LOT OF STUDENT GROUPS, SPORTS AND OTHER EXTRACURRICULARS.



RICHARD M. MOORE

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"DON'T PLAN ON SLEEPING UNTIL GRADUATION."

I'M OFF TO MARCHING BAND PRACTICE! I'LL BE BACK AFTER FENCING, CREW AND DEBATE.

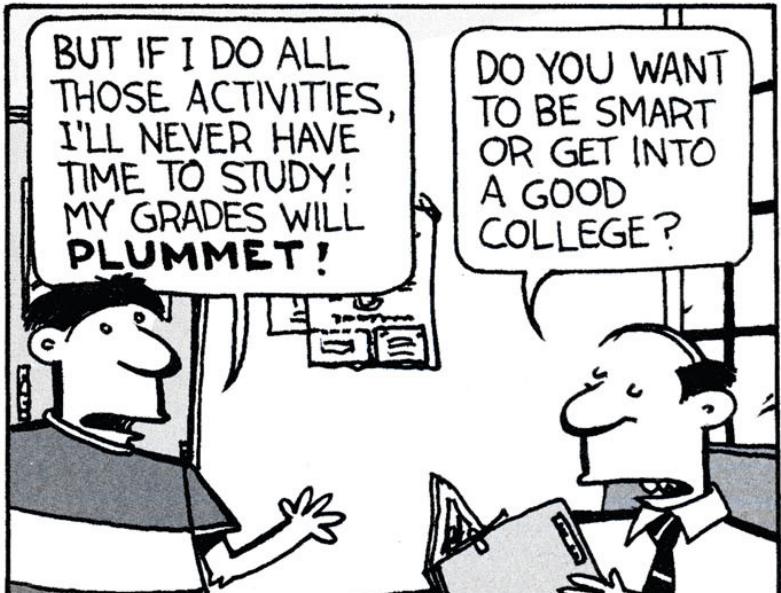


"BASICALLY, BEING EVERYWHERE AT ONCE IS THE KEY TO GETTING INTO COLLEGE."



BUT IF I DO ALL THOSE ACTIVITIES, I'LL NEVER HAVE TIME TO STUDY! MY GRADES WILL PLUMMET!

DO YOU WANT TO BE SMART OR GET INTO A GOOD COLLEGE?



WHAT LONG-RUNNING,
ILL-CONCEIVED
DEBACLE SEEMS
TO HAVE NO
EXIT STRATEGY?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

When you enter a complex and troubled situation, it's important to have a clear course of action in mind. However, many Americans currently find themselves witnessing a quagmire that only seems to be getting worse. To find out what this baffling and disturbing fiasco is, fold page in as shown.



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KEEN OBSERVERS ARE AWARE THIS IS A TOTALLY
WRONG THING. ALL THE GUYS IN CHARGE
TRADED IN THEIR HONOR. THEY CERTAINLY FLOPPED IN
THE CLOWNISH WAY THEY ACTED. THEY'RE NOW BESET
WITH PROBLEMS. PEOPLE ARE FIRMLY DIVI-
DED AND NO ONE KNOWS WHAT IT WILL LEAD TO

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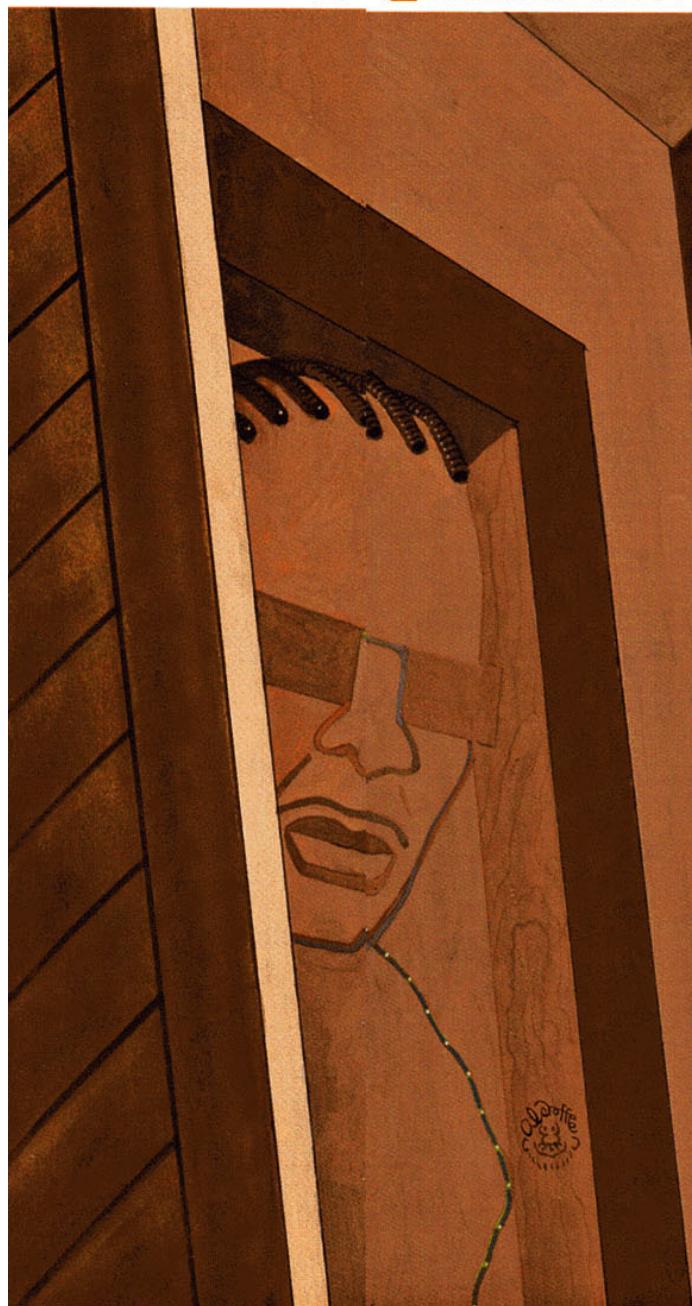


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